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Q. Renowned sand artist Sudarshan Patnaik has created the world's largest hockey sculpture on the banks of which river in Odisha?

- (a) Mahanadi River -
- (b) Brahmani River
- (c) Baitarani River
- (d) Subarnarekha River



Q. Which edition of the Men's FIH Hockey World Cup held in Odisha from 13 to 29 January 2023?



(d) 16<sup>th</sup>



International Hockey Federation (FIH) had selected JSW as the Hockey World Cup official Partner.

Q. Which of the following award was won by the Odisha in "UN-World Habitat Awards 2023" for JAGA Mission under 5T Initiative?

- (a) Gold
- (b) Bronze←
- (c) Silver
- (d) None of the above



Q. Which state has clinched the title by defeating Odisha in the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 qualifier title in Bhubaneswar?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Madhya Pradesh



Q. Who from Odisha was conferred with the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2023?

- (a) Sanjay Mishra
- (b) Sambhab Mishra 🛑
- (c) Arun Mishra
- (d) Tarun Mishra



Q. Which of the following dance form did not become a Part Of Republic Day Parade At New Delhi?

- (a) Odissi
- (b) Jhumura
- (c) Sahi jata Nacha
- (d) Goti Pua



Q. Giridhar Gamang and his son did resign from BJP and Join BRS Party . In which year, he was CM of Odisha?

- (a) 1996
- (b) 1997
- (c) 1998
- (d) 1999 <del>----</del>



Q. Which state's chief minister has inaugurated an 'International Craft Summit' in January 2023?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha 📥
- (d) Andhra Pradesh



Q. Which state has received Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar-2023 for excellence in disaster management for the year 2023?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha 🛑
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

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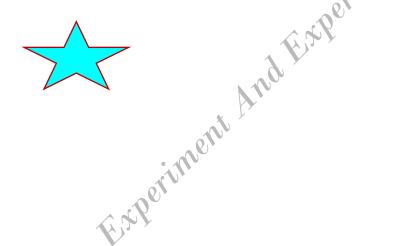
Q. Where did the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) organize its first Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) meeting outside Delhi?

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Bhubaneswar—
- (d) Ahmedabad



Q. Aska police station in which district of Odisha was awarded the number one police station during DGSP/IGSP conference held in New Delhi?

- (a) Koraput
- (b) Kendrapara
- (c) Malkangiri
- (e) Ganjam←



Q. Which ITI Students of Odisha entered Asia Book of Records for making a pair of giant Hockey Sticks using scrap iron?

- (a) ITI Rourkela
- (b) ITI Berhampur —
- (c) ITI Sonepur
- (d) ITI Hirakud



Q. To curb Cyber Crime; Odisha Govt issued special helpline number .

- (a) 1920
- (b) 1930
- (c) 1940
- (d) 1943

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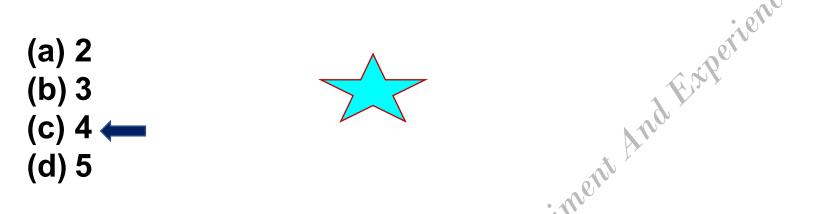
Q. PM Modi in his 'Mann Ki Baat' radio programme hailed tribal women of Odisha's \_\_\_\_\_ district who have emerged as entrepreneurs by cultivating millets and terming them 'Milletpreneurs',

- (a) Koraput
- (b) Balangir
- (c) Sundergarh —
- (d) Kalahandi

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- Q. Nobel laureate economist Prof. Michael Kremer visited Odisha recently to understand the impact of Odisha's flagship programme .
- (a) Jaga Mission
- (b) Drink From Tap Mission
- (c) Both a & b -
- (d) Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP)

Q. How many Odia to be Conferred With Padma Awards Including 102 Others for this year ?



Maguni Charan Kuanr and Krishna Patel for art, Antaryami Mishra for literature and education and Patayat Sahu for agriculture

\*\*Union Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya announced that India's first-ever coal gasification-based Talcher Fertilizer Plant in Odisha will be ready to be dedicated to the nation by October 2024.



\*\*Eminent litteratureur, critic and Kendra Sahitya Akademi yuva Puraskar award winner Chandra sekhar Hota was awarded the prestigious Mathkhai Samman-2023.



\*\*Ganjam district in Odisha has occupied the top position in the country in generating mandays and providing 100 days of work to rural households under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).



\*\*Eminent Odia writer, former president of Odisha Sahitya Akademi and politician also translated the Hindi novel 'Rani Laxmi Bai' into Odia Hussain Rabi Gandhi passed away



Q. Which of the following state has introduced 'House System' in every Govt. added High School?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Odisha 🛑
- (d) Kerala



• The house systems will be integrated with the noble objective to foster team spirit, healthy competition and to inculcate the feeling of togetherness among students. The existing model of School Cabinets in elementary schools will also be strengthened.

#### Odisha becomes 1st state to have separate registration for 'vintage vehicles'

...50 years old vehicles (two-wheelers and four-wheelers) from the date of their first registration would be defined as vintage motor vehicles.

...A separate registration process for vintage vehicles (both two and four wheelers) that are more than 50 years old after the ministry of road transport and highways (MoRTH) made provision under Central Motor Vehicles (CMV) Rules, 1989,



for the registration process of vintage motor vehicles, state transport department

## February

Q. Odisha's economy is projected to grow by \_\_\_\_\_ per cent in real terms during the financial year 2022-23 against 7 % at the all-India level, as per the advance estimates.

- (a) 6.8
- (b) 7.8 <del>-</del>
- (c) 8.8
- (d) 4.8



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Q. Which of the following is not a recent Policy initiatives of Odisha Government in the crop sector?

- (a) Odisha Mushroom Mission
- (b) Odisha Spices Mission
- (c) Odisha Jackfruit Mission
- (d) Odisha Banana Mission



Q. Who has been conferred with FIH's President's Award 2023?

- (a) Rajesh Verma
- (b) Prasad K Panicker
- (c) V Karthikeyan Pandian -
- (d) R K Gupta



Q. Which state has approved a proposal for single dependent transgender persons to avail family pension?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Odisha —
- (d) Telangana



Q. Who has inaugurated the second Indian Rice Congress at National Rice Research Center Institute (NRRI) Cuttack, Odisha?

- (a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (b) Droupadi Murmu←
- (c) Naveen Patnaik
- (d) Ganeshi lal



Q. India's first AI Chatbot for the Agricultural sector 'Ama KrushAI' at the valedictory session of 'Krushi Odisha 2023' launched by ?

- (a) Droupadi Murmu
- (b) Naveen Patnaik
- (c) Ganeshi lal 💳
- (d) Narendra Singh Tomar

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Q. Who launched the second version of the Odisha SDG Indicator Framework (OSIF 2.0).

- (a) Ganeshi Lal
- (b) Naveen Patnaik
- (c) Droupadi Murmu
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan



Q. Bhubaneswar-based Bakul Foundation was presented the Most Innovative Library Award category in the 5th edition of the India Reading Olympiad, which held in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bangalore
- (c) Hyderabad ←
- (d) Chennai

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Q. Odisha's MUKTA scheme accorded a global recognition as it bagged WRI Ross Centre Prize for Cities for the year 2021-2022 at :

- (a) Rome
- (b) New York —
- (c) London
- (d) Moscow



Q. Jnanpith Awardee \_\_\_\_\_ inaugurated 7th Tata Steel Bhubaneswar Literary Meet .

- (a) Amitav Ghosh —
- (b) Nilamani Phookan
- (c) Damodar Mauzo
- (d) Pratibha Ray



Q. Which state was awarded the 'Best State for the Promotion of Sports' at the 2023 Sportstar Aces 2023 Awards in Mumbai?
Or

Which State Bags Coveted Award For Promotion Of Sports?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Punjab



Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Mann Ki Baat programme hailed Kamala Moharana of Odisha's \_\_\_\_\_ district for her contribution towards plastic reuse.

- (a) Nayagarh
- (b) Kendrapara 💳
- (c) Sundergarh
- (d) Bhadrak

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Q. Who inaugurated the Museum of Justice at Barabati Quila?

- (a) Droupadi Murmu
- (b) Naveen Patnaik
- (c) Ganeshi Lal 🛑
- (d) Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar

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Q. Researchers unearthed remains of an ancient civilisation at Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary named as Manikgarh fort located around 4,000 ft above the sea on the river Jonk basin in Odisha. In which district Manikgarh fort located?

- (a) Koraput
- (b) Nuapada ←
- (c) Malkangiri
- (d) Gajapati



Q. India requires collective effort to become a prosperous country by \_\_\_\_\_, said President Droupadi Murmu at the second convocation of Rama Devi Women's University.

- (a) 2049
- (b) 2048
- (c) 2047
- (d) 2046

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Q. Odisha CM inaugurates Gopabandhu Das Memorial Museum, 15-Ft Statue At Suando village in \_\_\_\_\_ district.

- (a) Khurda
- (b) Puri 🛑
- (c) Gajapati
- (d) Cuttack

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The prestigious Kalinga Literary Awards for the year 2023 has been conferred on eminent Hindi Novelist Geetnjali Shree and educationist, screenplay writer, playwright, art critic, and theatre director Dr. Ramesh Prasad Panigrahi.

Kalinga International Literary Award (English & Hindi language) will be presented to novelist Geetanjali Shree and

Kalinga Literary Award (Odia) will be presented to Dr. Ramesh Prasad Panigrahi.





\*\*Consulate General of India celebrated the birth anniversary of Odisha's revolutionary leader and freedom fighter Veer Surendra Sai in Dubai on his 215th birth anniversary.



\*\* 3 ports, including Paradip Port in Odisha, will be developed as Hydrogen Hubs, capable of handling, storage and generation of green hydrogen, by 2030, Union Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal. The other two are Deendayal Port in Gujarat and VO Chidambaranar Port in Tamil Nadu.



Odia Language, Literature and Culture department presented the 31st Odisha State Film Awards for the year 2019 to different recipients in about 26 categories including an award that was jointly given to two persons, in a special event held at Utkal Mandap located on the premises of Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalay.

- Ghanashyam Mohapatra receives Jayadev Award for lifetime contribution to Odia film industry. While Nila Madhav Panda's 'Kalira Atita' bagged the 'best film' award, he was felicitated with 'best director' award for the same film
- 8th Odisha State Tele Film Awards for 2019 have been given to 19 recipients.
- The State award for best educational and children's films category was given to 'Baji – The Boat Boy'.
- Actor Rohit Raj was conferred the award in the special jury category for the film Kotie Re Gotie Mana'.
- Chandrasekhar Sharma was given the award in the best sound recording category for 'Sala Budhara Badla'.



#### \*\*Odisha Govt invites applications for free UPSC coaching scheme

The Odisha govt has launched a scheme to provide free coaching to 200 aspirants of UPSC civil services examinations in the capital city. The state govt will also provide free boarding and food to the 200 UPSC aspirants.



There will be a pre-qualifying entrance examination for selecting 200 UPSC aspirants. The state government will provide free coaching for general studies papers of UPSC civil services examinations. The state government has asked UPSC aspirants to apply for the free coaching scheme by visiting the SAMS portal of the Higher Education department. The candidates should deposit Rs 100 as application fee through online mode.

The candidates can find the detailed guideline for the scheme by visiting Higher Education Department website—www.dhe.odisha.gov.in

PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman (PM-VIKAS) Yojana announced in the Budget 2023 will benefit the artisans of Odisha

The artisans in paintings, pattachitra, stone sculpture and weaving will be benefitted

- Financial aid
- Advanced skill training
- Access to the latest technology
- Integration into the MSMEs
- Paperless payments
- Wider reach and introduction to a global market



#### 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

Q. In 2021-22 how much rice did Odisha produce?

- (a) 82.91 MT
- (b) 92.91 MT ←
- (c) 102.91 MT
- (d) 72.91 MT





 Odisha produced 92.91 lakh Metric Tons of rice in 2021-22. The report concluded that maize production increased by about 4.5 percent in 2021-22 over the previous year.

\*\*Prasan Swain New VC Of Utkal University
Of Culture In Odisha



\*\*Odisha Investing Over Rs 2,500 Cr In Building Sports Infrastructure

\*\*Pradeep Jena Appointed New Chief Secretary Of Odisha



\*\*Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra, an Indian educator and social worker for the advancement of indigenous languages in Odisha, received the World Mother Language Award from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Award was established by Unesco in 2021.



\*\* Odisha Government appointed IAS Officer Anu Garg as the Development Commissioner-cum-Additional Chief Secretary of Planning and Convergence Department.



\*\*An adult Royal Bengal Tiger (RBT) was detected 1<sup>st</sup> time in the Patana forest range of Keonjhar district.

\*\*Odisha government appointed senior bureaucrat Suresh Chandra Mahapatra as the chairman of Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC)

\*\* Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised the effort of AIIMS Bhubaneswar doctors for doing first ever quadruple joint replacement surgery on a crippled patient of Odisha.



\*\* Odisha finance minister Niranjan Pujari presented the annual budget of 2.30 lakh Cr. For the year 2023-24. The outlay is 15% more than the full fledged budget of 2022-23.



\*\*Thrice National Award-winning legendary playback singer Vani Jairam who was conferred with the Padma Bhushan award this year found dead at Chennai. She has sung song in various languages including Odia.



\*\* Tampara Lake in Ganjam district has received the Ramsar recognition as a

Wetland Of International Importance. Similarly
Hirakud Reservoir in Sambalpur district and
Ansupa Lake in Cuttack district were among 11
more Indian wetlands designated as Ramsar sites
in August last year taking the total number of such
sites in the country to 75 on the eve of 75<sup>th</sup> year of
Independence.



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Q. The TIME magazine has released its annual list of the 'World's Greatest Places' for the year 2023 and how many Indian destinations have made it to the list?



- (a) 3
- (b) 2←
- (c) 4
- (d) 0

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Q. Which district of Odisha get a place in TIME Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places 2023' list?



- (a) Gajapati
- (b) Ganjam
- (c) Mayurbhanj 🛑
- (d) Kalahandi



Q. Odisha government has announced a new livelihood and income-generating scheme for the tribal people with an outlay of Rs crore.

- (a) 400 cr
- (b) 500 cr
- (c) 600 cr
- (d) 800 cr

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Q. Eminent Odia scientist Padma Shri Prafulla Kumar Jena died. He was belong to field.

- (a) Physics
- (b) Chemistry
- (c) Metallurgy
- (d) Medicine

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Q. CM Naveen Patnaik felicitated Odisha's track and field athlete Bapi Hansda with a cash award of Rs \_\_\_\_ Lakh for winning gold in the 400m hurdles concluded. (18th National Youth Athletics)

- (a) 10 Lakh
- (b) 15 Lakh
- (c) 20 Lakh
- (d) 25 Lakh -



17 years old Bapi Hansda, a track and field athlete from Odisha, has won silver in 400m hurdles for boys at 5th Asian Youth Athletics Championship in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan.

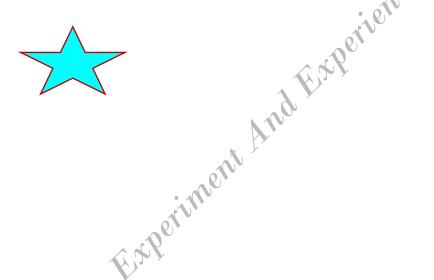
Q. Hockey India Got Best Organiser Award for FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. The event was organized in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Germany
- (b) India
- (c) Korea←
- (d) Pakistan



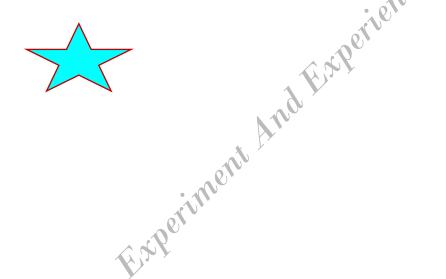
Q. Which of the following states is felicitated With 'Water Digest Water Awards 2022-23'?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Tamil Nadu



Q. Which country did CM of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik, visit in April 2023 to attract foreign investment?

- (a) Italy
- (b) Japan←
- (c) Germany
- (d) USA



Q. Odisha Government Starts Molecular Tests In Cancer Through NIDAN Scheme. When did NIDAN Scheme Jaunch?

- (a) 1st january 2017
- (b) 1st january 2018 —
- (c) 1st january 2019
- (d) 1st january 2022

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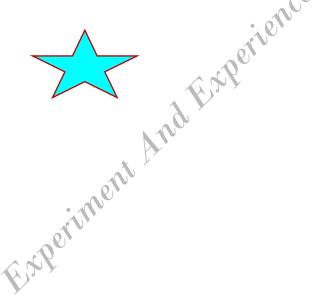
Q. Odisha weightlifter Jyoshna Sabar bagged a silver and overall bronze medal at the Youth World Weightlifting Championship held at .

- (a) Durres, Albania←
- (b) Madrid, Spain
- (c) Rome, Italy
- (d) London, UK

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Q. Who among the following has composed the theme song 'The Mandia Song' of Odisha Millets Mission.

- (a) Pritam
- (b) Ricky Kej
- (c) A.R. Rahman
- (d) Shankar Mahadevan



Q. Rare species of chousingha (four-horned antelope) and bison have been sighted at Atei reserve forest in \_\_\_\_\_ district .

- (a) Nayagarh
- (b) Keonjhar←
- (c) Mayurbhanj
- (d) Sundergarh

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Q. On the occasion of the 107<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik, CM inaugurated Biju Expressway at Amapani and Biju Economic Corridor from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (a) Bolangir to Bargarh
- (b) Bargarh to Kalahandi 🛑
- (c) Bolangir to kalahandi
- (d) Kalahandi to Bargarh

Q. CM Naveen Patnaik unveiled the iconic Dakota aircraft of legendary Biju Patnaik for public viewing at the Bhubaneswar Airport on the occasion of the late statesman's birth anniversary. This aircraft has been brought from \_\_\_\_\_\_?

- (a) Delhi Airport
- (b) Mumbai Airport
- (c) Kolkata Airport ←
- (d) Ranchi Airport



Q. Gold mines have been discovered in a number of locations across three districts of Odisha. Which of the following is not one of the said 3 district?

- (a) Deogarh
- (b) Keonjhar
- (c) Mayurbhanj
- (d) Sundergarh 🛑



The studies of the Directorate of Mines and Geological Survey Of India (GSI) revelation the presence of Gold reserves in three districts namely Deogarh, Keonjhar, and Mayurbhanj.

#### Q. In which field does Ms Nandita Das excel?

- (a) Dance
- (b) Film direction \_\_\_
- (c) Sports
- (d) Poet



The movie has been directed by Nandita Das with famous actor Kapil Sharma "Zwigato". The storyline of the movie depicts the life of a food delivery boy and his struggle. It is a Hindi movie and its entire shooting has been done in Bhubaneswar city. It made Tax-Free in Odisha.

\*\*IPL Season 16 Streamed In Odia, Cuttack's Loria Mohanty did

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\*\*Former Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal, Who is the Chancellor of Universities, appointed Prof Amiya Kumar Rath as the VC of BPUT for a period of five years



\*\* The Election Commission of India has appointed 1993-batch IAS officer Nikunja Bihari Dhal as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Odisha.



\*\*BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda appointed Manmohan Samal as President Of Odisha BJP unit. He replaced Samir Mohanty.



\*\*Datteswar Hota Appointed As First VC
Of Odisha University Of Health Sciences,
Bhubaneswar for one year.



\*\*Odisha CM Receives Guinness Book Of World Records Certificate For Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium For sitting capacity.



\*\*Joe Biden has nominated Indian-American policy expert Nisha Desai Biswal as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC). Biswal, who hails from Gujarat, is the wife of Subrat Biswal of Angul district.



\*\*Flight service between Bhubaneswar and Rangeilunda (Berhampur) commenced. It will reduce the travel time between the Temple City and the Silk City by an hour.



\*\*CM inaugurated Birsa Munda Athletic Stadium in Rourkela and three Hockey Training Centres at Bisra, Lahunipara and Manchmara in Sundergarh



\*\*Progressive farmer Radhashyam Biswal of Lokapala village of Kanas block in Puri district, bestowed with National Award "IARI Innovative Farmer Award – 2023



\*\* Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has accorded Stage-I approval to set up Paradip Petrochemical Complex at a cost of Rs 61,077 crore .It will be IOCL's largest-ever investment at a single location.



\*\*Journalist Bhabani Sankar Tripathy represented India at United States International visitor leadership program.



\*\*The Indian Railways has sanctioned Rs 303 crore for the development of Cuttack station. The Centre has allocated around Rs 10,000 crore for the railways sector in Odisha for 2023-24 fiscal.



\*\* Odisha Government has signed an MoU with Prashanti Medical Services & Research Foundation (PMSRF) for providing world class medical treatment free of cost to patients suffering from cardiac ailments for two years.



\*\* The longest flyover in Odisha is being constructed at the mineral rich Joda block in Keonjhar District. Funds are sanctioned by DMF (District Mineral Foundation)



\*\* Odisha may face a severe water scarcity situation in 2051, according to a study released by SwitchON Foundation on World Water Day.



\*\*The water level of the Luna river flowing through the Kendrapara district has been declining since December 2022. According to Environmentalists said the cause was due to rampant and illegal mining of sand from the riverbed.



\*\* BJD candidate Sushama Pradhan has been elected uncontested as the vice chairperson of Odisha State Handloom Weavers's Cooperative Society Ltd (Boyanika). She belongs to Badamba.



Q. Which among the following is not a "Biodiversity Heritage Site"

of Odisha?

- (a) Gandhmardhan Hill
- (b) Deomali Hill←
- (c) Mandasaru
- (d) Mahendragiri Hill



- An area of 18,963.898 hectare of Gandhamardan Hill (Gandhamardan Reserve Forest) including 12,431.8 ha (Bargarh) and 6,532.098 ha (Balangir)
- This is the third BHS of Odisha after Mandasuru Gorge in Kandhamal district and Mahendragiri Hill Range in Gajapati district.



\*\*The Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL), the State-run transmission utility, has been conferred with the Central Board of Irrigation and Power Award 2022 for the 'best-performing transmission power sector'. BHEL won the central board of Irrigation and power award 2022 for best contribution in solar energy.

\*\* For the popularity of traditional food we observe "Pakhal Diwas" on 20 March



\*\* Odisha observes 'Zero Fatality Week' to prevent road accident from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> April.

\*\*The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) discovered a 1,300-year-old stupa right in the middle of a mining site in Odisha's Jajpur district at a Khondalite mining site.

- From this place, Khondalite stones were supplied for the beautification project around the 12th Century Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri.
- Khondalite is a type of metamorphic rock that is found in the Eastern Ghats region of India, particularly in the state of Odisha.
- The Khondalite Group of rocks are believed to have formed around 1.6 billion years ago during the Proterozoic era.

\*\*16 Million people affected by Glaucoma in India: AIIMS Bhubaneswar

Every year the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March is celebrated as World Glaucoma week worldwide to create public awareness about this blinding disease which is preventable and the damage that happens to the optic nerve is irreversible.

Every individual above 40 years irrespective of sex should an annual checkup of intraocular pressure. People should avoid over the counter use of steroid eye drops for different eye disorders.



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Q. The Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank has approved a USD 100 million loan to which state for improved response to disasters and enhance its social protection coverage for poor and vulnerable households?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Q. Which state government has recently launched the third phase of the 5T School Transformation Programme?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh



Teamwork, Transparency, Technology, Time, and Transformation

Q. India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru laid the foundation stone of Bhubaneswar on \_\_\_\_\_\_, 1948.

- (a) April 10
- (b) April 11
- (c) April 12
- (d) April 13←

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### Q. Which District of Odisha got the National Panchayat Awards 2023?

- (a) Balasore
- (b) Ganjam —
- (c) Koraput
- (d) Malkangiri



# \*\* CM Naveen Patnaik announced National Panchayat Awardees Of Odisha with cash prizes:



- Odisha CM announced that the state's Panchayati Raj Institution which wins first place at the national level will be awarded six times the prize money given by the Centre. Similarly, the second place will be awarded 3 times more and the one winning the third place will be given 2 times more by the state government.
- Ganjam District which stood first at the national level, was awarded a prize of Rs 30 crore, while Hinjilicut panchayat which secured the first position was awarded Rs 12 crore.
- Kanchuru Panchayat of Hinjilicut block, Kulada Panchayat of Bhanjanagar block, Sasan Ambgaon of Hinjilicut block and Ankuli Panchayat of Patrapur block which won the second position were awarded Rs 2.25 crore each.
- Bonaigarh Panchayat of Sundargarh's Bonai Block, which won the third position, was awarded a prize of Rs 1 crore. A total of Rs 52 crore was awarded to 7 Panchayati Raj institutions.

\*\*Odisha Govt. initiated the process for renovation of the ancient Raibania fort in Balasore district which was built by Eastern Ganga ruler Narasingha Deva 1.



\*\*In order to reduce carbon footprint in its operations, Tata Steel Mining Limited has signed (MoU) with GAIL (India) Limited for supply of natural gas to its Ferro Alloys Plant at Athgarh in Cuttack district.

Q. CM Inaugurates Biju Mahaveer Jaipur Foot Centre In Gurujanga near town.

- (a) Puri
- (b) Khordha -
- (c) Rourkela
- (d) Cuttack



Q. G20 6 days 'Future Of Work' Exhibition inaugurated in the State capital of \_\_\_\_\_ from 23 April to 28 April with theme future of work.

- (a) Karanataka
- (b) Odisha 🛑
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Goa



Q. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the \_\_\_\_\_ successfully conducted the maiden flight trial of sea-based endo-atmospheric interceptor missile off Odisha coast in the Bay of Bengal.

- (a) Indian Army
- (b) Indian Navy 🛑
- (c) Indian Air Force
- (d) Indian Coast Guard

Q. Which of the following states bagged Global Planet Award 2023 in the United States for implementing validation of paddy crop system.

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha —
- (d) Andhra Pradesh



Q. CM Naveen Patnaik has increased the financial aid provided by the Harischandra Yojana to support the :

- (a) Preganant Women
- (b) Carrying out the last rites
- (c) Mid Day Meal of School Children
- (d) Street Vendors

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Q. "Sir Madam Sarpanch" its storyline on Arti Devi, touted to be India's youngest elected sarpanch from Dhunkapada panchayat of Odisha's \_\_\_\_\_ district, whose journey has inspired the making of the feature film.

- (a) Balasore
- (b) Ganjam 🛑
- (c) Puri
- (d) Bhadrak

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Q. Odisha CM is the third richest person among all the current CMs of the country, a report of the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). Which state CM has topped in the report?

- (a) Mamta Banerjee
- (b) YS Jagan Mohan Reddy \_\_\_\_
- (c) Arvindh Kejriwal
- (d) Pema Khandu

Q. As part of the schedule, Odisha Business Meet 2023, Nippon Steel Corporation a plant with a capacity of 30 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) that will produce speciality steel in Odisha. Nippon Steel Corp. belongs to which country?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Japan —
- (c) South Korea
- (d) USA

• CM Naveen Patnaik Visited Kimitsu Steel Works Of Nippon Steel In Japan. The Odisha government has received investment intents of over Rs \_\_\_ crore during the Odisha Business Meet, 2023 held in Tokyo.

Q. At the Odisha Skill Conclave 2023, CM kept a budgetary provision of Rs.100 Crore for this year for new scheme \_\_\_\_\_ to train one lakh youth.

- (a) AMA Odisha
- (b) NUA Odisha —
- (c) NUTANA Odisha
- (d) DHANYA Odisha



- Nutana Unnata Abhilasha Scheme For Skill Development Of Youths & upgrading skill development infrastructure.
- The scheme with an outlay of Rs 385 crore towards training one lakh youths every year in the State during next 3 years. The scheme will work towards addressing scarcity of skilled human resources in emerging trades by offering high-quality training, fostering industry linkages and enhancing employability skills.
- In the Budget 2023-24, NUA Odisha reflects the commitment of the Government to ensure transformation of human lives through Skilling leading to economic empowerment.
- It'll be implemented across all 30 districts in the State, through Skilling Institutions like, ITI and Polytechnic, Government Skilling Institutions, Educational Institutions

\*\*Odisha Skill Conclave-2023, the first of its kind event in India, has been organised from April 20 to April 22 at Kalinga Stadium.

 Odisha Govt. has taken various transformational initiatives for setting up a progressive ecosystem to facilitate industry sector growth through policy reforms, infrastructure development and skilling.



Theme 'Skilling for the New World',

Q. Odisha CM interacted with the delegates of Gen Next Democracy Network programme organized by ICCR. What is the full form of ICCR?

- (a) International Council of Culture Relations
- (b) Indian Council of Cultural Relations
- (c) Indian Committee of Culture Relations
- (d) International Committee of Culture Relations

Q. To integrate medical science with technology for providing a better and more equipped healthcare service, Bhubaneswar AIIMS signed an MoU with which IIT to promote academic and research.

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Bhubaneswar←
- (d) IIT Kharagpur



Q. In 50 acres land, the first Tribal University in Odisha the will be ready at \_\_\_\_\_ district.

- (a) Sundergarh
- (b) Nabarangapur
- (c) Mayurbhanj ←
- (d) Malkangiri



Q. ICC Odisha State Council organised its first annual general meeting for FY 2023-24 in April. What is ICC Odisha stands for :

- (a) Indian Cricket Council
- (b) Indian Chamber of Commerce←
- (c) Internal Complaints Committee
- (d) Indian Controlling Committee

\*\*The 18-year-old Sabita Toppo finished second to win the silver medal in women's 100m hurdles at the 21st National Federation Cup Junior U-20 Athletics Championships being held in Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu.



\*\*Odisha bagged its 1st ever international medal in Kayaking & Canoeing as Leichonbam Neha Devi was a part of C4 Women 500 mtr team that secured a medal for #India at the 2023 Junior, Canoe Sprint Asian Championship at Uzbekistan.



\*\*The state government will promulgate an ordinance for amendment of Odisha State Commission for Backward Classes (OSCBC) Act, 1993 for inclusion of 22 castes/communities, which have already been notified as OBCs by the Centre, in the list of SEBCs.

\*\*LIC appoints Ratnakar Patnaik as Chief Investment Officer replacing P.R Mishra, PC Paikray as Chief Risk Officer.



### \*\*Made In Odisha' Satellite

• A made-in-Odisha miniature satellite (Cubesat) will soon support the state in managing natural calamities like cyclone And enhancing cyber security among other things like study mangrove forests on its coast, monitor vessel movements in the costal sea.



- The satellite will be placed in the lower orbit. It will be very useful in studying climate change and its impact on agriculture.
- The miniature satellite will weigh around one-and-a half kg. "The satellite will have high-powered cameras, censors and communication equipment. It will collect energy from solar radiation.
- Bhubaneswar-based Silicon Institute of Technology has signed a pact with Kristellar Aerospace
   Pvt Ltd of Bengaluru to develop the satellite.

\*\*World's First Ever MissCall-Based Payment System launched for Citizens of Odisha

- Odisha Govt launched the world's first MissCall-based payment system 'MissCallPay' at the State's first-ever Fintech Festival an initiative to enhance the adoption of digital payments and promote Bhubaneswar as a fintech hub of East India. Participants(startups, fintech companies, students, researchers, policymakers and visitors from multiple sectors)
- 'MissCallPay" solution is aimed at serving 90 million Indian mobile subscribers, who are still not on UPI. Users who find it challenging to use UPI apps on smartphones do so primarily due to digital illiteracy. MissCallPay enables any kind of payment by just giving a missed call, be it for an electricity bill, a gas bill, a merchant transaction at a store, a mobile recharge, or even a person-to-person payment.

# Q. Madhusmita Jena successfully ran Manchester Marathon in April 2023. What clothing did she wear during her Marathon run?

- (a) Track Suit
- (b) Sambalpuri saree←
- (c) Bomkai saree
- (d) Dongaria saree



Odia Woman Madhusmita Jena runs In UK Marathon wearing Sambalpuri Saree. It was a never-seen-before moment for the participants and spectators of Manchester Marathon as she ran 42.5 km being draped in a Sambalpuri handloom saree.

Breaking stereotypes, the 41-year-old UK-based Odia woman who works as a high school teacher in Manchester showcased Odisha's heritage. She completed the marathon in 4 hours and 50 minutes. She is from Kendrapara.

\*\*Former Jagatsinghpur MP Trilochan Kanungo Passed Away



The state government will build 866 new bridges Under Biju Setu Yojana (BSY) in Odisha. The BSY was launched by the state government on 9th Oct. '2011 for improvement of connectivity in rural areas. The Cabinet approved a proposal to extend the scheme up to 2025-26 fiscal.



\*\*CM inaugurated a Tennis Centre at Kalinga Stadium Sports Complex ahead of

the ITF Asia U14 and Under Development Championship 2023. He also launched the logo and jersey of the upcoming international tennis tournament .The ITF (International Tennis Federation Asian) (Jr) tennis Championships finals which commenced on April 4 concluded. Team Korea Min kim & Jiyun Oh emerging overall Champions of the tournament.



\*\*'Pana Sankranti' or 'Maha Bishuba Sankranti' marks the Odia New

Year with the introduction of new Panjika. The Panjika is prepared as per solar calendar and incorporates the auspicious dates, times, sunrise and sunset time, stars and their movements etc from Mesha Sankranti till Mina Sankranti.



#### Q. Where will the next FIH Men's Hockey World Cup be held?

- (a) Belgium and Netherlands -
- (b) Japan and South Korea
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Argentina





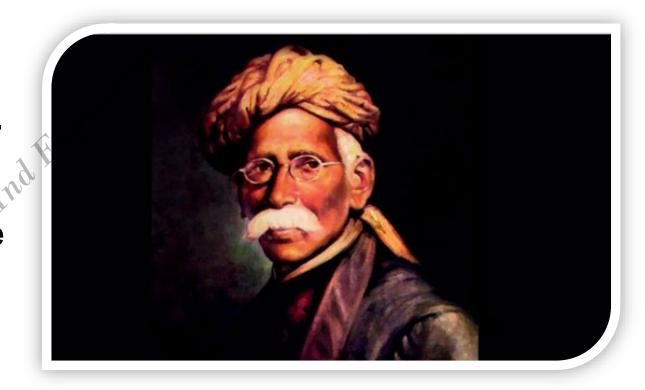
\*\* Odisha extended the sponsorship of Men and Women Indian National Hockey Teams (both Senior and Junior) for 10 years more.

- Odisha has been the official sponsor of both Men's and Women's National Hockey teams since 2018
- Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) Limited had entered into an agreement with Hockey India, after due Government approval, for sponsorship of the Indian Hockey teams for a period of five years starting from 2018 to 2023. Now it will be extended.
- February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2033
- FIH hockey world cup 2026 will be in Belgium and Amsterdam in Netherland.



#### \*\*Madhusudan Das

...He was the first graduate and lawyer of Odisha. He was a social reformer and founder of the 1903 Utkal Sammilani. He was known as the Kulabruddha (Grand Old Man) and every year, the state celebrates his birthday on April 28 as the Lawyer's Day. He is Utkala Gourab.



\*\*Odisha CM released Rs 877 Crore KALIA Assistance to over 43 Lakh farmers on Utkala Dibasa



\*\*Chhenapoda Dibasa Celebrated Across Odisha With Enthusiasm on 11 April



\*\* Odisha, which is very rich with natural resources, has found places in top 5 positions in the first-ever census of water bodies conducted by the Jal Shakti Ministry

- 19,630 water bodies in the state are not in use on account of drying up, siltation, salinity, destroyed beyond repair and other reasons.
- The top five states in terms of number of water bodies are West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Assam which constitute around 63 per cent of the total water bodies in the country
- In terms of ponds, Odisha has remained at No 4 at all-India level while the state is at 3rd position when water tanks are counted. Odisha has remained at 5th position in census of lakes and 4th position in reservoirs.

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- 24,24,540 water bodies have been enumerated in the country.
- It is a matter of pride for Maharashtra, that Maharashtra State is the leading state for water conservation schemes. Whereas West Bengal has highest number of ponds & reservoirs, whereas Andhra Pradesh has highest number of tanks, Tamil Nadu has highest number of lakes.

\*\*Biju Patnaik Awards for Peace presented by Aks Society in New delhi

...On the 26th death anniversary of great Indian Leader "Bhumi Putra Sh. Biju Patnaik", Aks Society Delhi organized Bhumi Putra Honourable Biju Patnaik International Peace Awards 2023 at Kaveri Kala Sangam, New Delhi. Aks Society is a Delhi based non-Profit Organization headed by the renowned Classical Odissi exponent, Actress, Choreographer, Social Worker Dr. Chandana Raul. ...The prestigious award was conferred upon 10 highly successful personalities from different fields with national and international repute who have made extraordinary achievements in their respective arenas: Major-General P. K. Saigal veteran from forces, Dr Chitra Mudgal writer,



Ranjan Kumar Das IAS, H. E. Mossi Nyamale Rosette Ambassador of DR Congo to India, Dr Darmayasa President of the International Divine Love Society, Malta, Inderjeet Sharma Director, International Hindi Association USA, Pandit Tilak Raj Sharma Memorial Trust USA, Namrata Chadha, Eminent Women Rights Activist, B. L. Gaur, Eminent Author, Anand Prakash Singh, Announcer and Writer from Mumbai and Dr Gaurav Gupta Founder President of Global Trade and Technology Council of India.

\*\*Recently, the first mangrove pitta bird census was conducted in two coastal districts of Odisha (Kendrapara and Jagatsingpur)

- The Mangrove Pitta bird (Pitta megarhyncha) is a species of bird that can be found in a few pockets of eastern India, including Odisha's Bhitarkanika and West Bengal's Sundarbans.
- The Mangrove Pitta bird is a ground forager (an animal that searches widely for food) and tree rester that primarily inhabits coastal mangrove forests in India. IUCN Status:
- The IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) "Near Threatened".

#### **Distribution:**

India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia.

#### **Importance:**

This species is important because it is a bio-indicator of the health of mangrove forests, which are crucial to maintaining ecological balance in coastal areas.

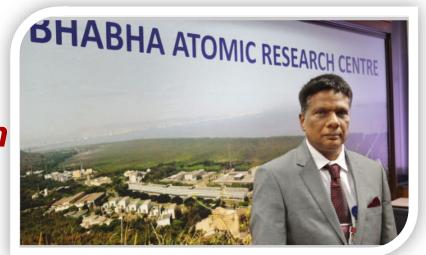
- ...This census was conducted using a point count method, where direct sightings and chirping sounds were used to count the birds.
- ...The census of Mangrove Pitta birds found that a total of 179 individual birds were counted.
- ...The highest concentration of these birds was found in the mangroves near the Mahipura river mouth inside the Bhitarkanika National Park.



\*\*TPNODL Launches Mission "Saurayan" From the SLS Memorial Residential School Founded By President (TATA Power Northern Odisha Distribution Ltd) at Badampahad, Rairangpur.



\*\*Distinguished Odia scientist Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty has been appointed as the Secretary of Department of Atomic Energy and Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission.



\*\* Tourism Ministry Promotes 7 Liberation Destinations Including Odisha's Puri

...Ministry of Tourism, promotes tourist destinations of India, including the Saptha Moksha Puri (Seven Liberation destinations), Ayodhya, Mathura, Maya (Haridwar), Kashi (Varanasi), Kanchi Avantika (Ujjain) and Dwaravati (Dwaraka, Gujarat).

...Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance under the 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' Scheme with the objective of integrated development of identified pilgrimage and heritage destinations in consultation with the respective State Governments/ Union Territories (UTs).





#### \*\*Growing Presence of TM Bugs

 The presence of Tea Mosquito Bugs (TMBs) are on the rise in Odisha, which could cause neem and cashew plantations gradually shrivel up.

...These bugs lay eggs on the tissues of neem and cashew trees and larvae are released from the eggs, which in turn release a toxin leading to the decay of the plants. A timely spray of pesticides like Alpha Cyhalothrin could help save the plants



\*\* Dr Ruddhisundar Mohanty felicitated With Odisha Leadership Award

- Dr Ruddhisundar Mohanty, administrative officer at Biju Patnaik National Steel Institute at Kalinga Nagar.
- Several other categories of awards including Topmost HR Leaders Awards, Odisha Best Brands & Odisha Women Leadership Awards and Odisha Education & Healthcare Leadership Awards were also given away.



11 women leaders were felicitated for their extraordinary contribution to different fields of the society.

\*\*Huge Leap: Odisha among top 3 Happiest States in India

...Odisha in top three happiest places among large states in India, according to HR firm HappyPlus Consulting's happiness survey.



- 1. Himachal 2. Maharashtra 3. Odisha 4. Kerala
- Uttar Pradesh has come last, at 20th place.

...It is a huge leap for Odisha since last year when it was ranked 16th.

\*Bhubaneswar Shines In Seamless Mobility Experience, Safest For Commuting: Report\*

- Bhubaneswar tops the list in terms of providing a seamless mobility experience and ranks third among the 11 promising cities having a projected population of up to 10 lakh, according to public transport and mobility survey.
- Agartala has the best walking infrastructure
- Maharashtra's Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad are the best cities in India.
- Vijaywada has the most well-lit roads in the country.
- Commuters in Jabalpur spend the lowest on mobility in India.
- Delhi has seen the highest fall in reliance on public transport in the country.
- Kanpur emerged as the safest city for public transport.
- The usage of public transport by women and trans/non-binary gender is the highest in Punjab's Ludhiana.



\*\*Odisha govt to set up Table Tennis
Academies in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack. Petra
Sorling, President of ITTF and ITTF foundation



\*\*Odisha shuttler Paralympic and World champion Pramod, at the Brazil Para Badminton International 2023, claimed gold in doubles and silver in singles, which concluded in Sao Paulo.



\*\*A project proposed with an estimated cost of Rs 786 crore for the construction of additional spillways in Hirakud Dam's reservoir at Burla of Sambalpur.



\*\* The state government will allocate Rs 313.61 crore in five years for supporting Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) between 2023-24 fiscal and 2027-28 fiscal.



\*\* Utkal Sanskrutika Samaj Celebrates 88th Utkal Dibas In Andhra Pradesh.



\*\*The Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) has decided to take the help of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) for the elevated rail-based metro system in Odisha capital



\*\*Odisha CM distributed crop loan interest Subsidies of Rs 441.76 Cr which will be benefited for 35 lakh farmers.



\*\* The President graced the 12th Convocation of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University at Baripada in Mayurbhanj district as the chief guest on May 6.



\*\*Gynaecologist Dr Nisha Kaushik Patnaik was awarded the advanced degree of Member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists at the convocation ceremony held in London.



\*\*Govt appoints Debadatta Chand as Managing Director of Bank of Baroda





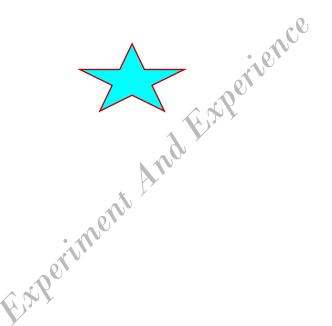
\*\* Reliance Foundation's High Performance Centre's Mohammad Reyan Basha won silver in the boys medley relay event Asian Youth Athletics Championship in Tashkent.



\*\*In 5th Asian Youth Athletics Championship in Tashkent, the capital city of Uzbekistan, Indian rank 2<sup>nd</sup> by total 24 medal including 6 Gold. Topped by China.

#### Q. Where is Chheligada Multipurpose Irrigation Project located?

- (a) Gajapati District -
- (b) Ganjam district
- (c) Bolangir Distyrict
- (d) Koraput District





#### \*\*Chheligada Irrigation Project:

- It is a multipurpose medium project being undertaken across river Badjhore, a tributary of river Vansadhara near the village Chheligada in the Gajapati District of Odisha.
- The Project envisages the construction of a 250m long & 30m high dam across the river Badjhore with a central spillway.
- After this Project, 5201 hectares metres water can be preserved and water can be supplied for irrigation of 5760 hectares of land in Ganjam and 500 hectares of land in Gajapati districts.
- This Project will also provide drinking water to Brahampur City.
- The project will be completed by 2024.
- 15 major irrigation projects will be operationlised in the state by 2024 under Transformational Initiative.



Q. "Adwitiya" an Odia film was awarded in two categories in International film festival in Mauritius recently. What is the subject-

matter of the film?

(a) Aska Police ←

(b) Odisha handloom

(c) Odisha handicrafts

(d) Cyclone Fani



\*\* Ganjam's film 'Adwitiya' won 2 awards at the Mauritius Film Festival, North Africa\_



- The film 'Adwitiya', produced by Nrityam Kala Gabeshana Kendra in Hinjilicut, Ganjam district.
- The short documentary film, directed by Krishna DK, is based on some factual events that depict how the IIC of Aska Police Station gained the trust of the people and brought back criminals into the mainstream of society, turning a 'crime city' into a 'crime controlling city'. The IIC of Aska PS Prashant Kumar Sahoo and staff, along with senior IPS officers, IG of Police, Southern Range Satyabrata Bhoi and SP of Ganjam Jagmohan Meena have played significant roles in the film. The story has been written by Simanchal Maharana. The cinematographer is Mohit Tripathy, and Devasish Moharana is the editor. The film's director and writer had been invited to attend the Indian Ocean International Film Festival Award Ceremony, which held on April 29 in Mauritius.

Q. A statue of former Odisha chief minister and Gandhian freedom fighter Nabakrushna Choudhuri installed inside Gopabandhu Park in district.

- (a) Ganjam
- (b) Puri
- (c) Angul←
- (d) Balasore

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Q. Odisha FC won Hero Super Cup in April 2023. Which team did they

defeat in final?

- (a) North East United
- (b) Bengaluru FC ←
- (c) Jamshedpur FC
- (d) Kerala Blasters



- Odisha FC have appointed Floyd Pinto as the assistant coach of the senior men's team on a two-year deal with an option to extend the contract by one year.
- Isak Ralte has signed a fresh contract with Odisha FC, extending his stay at the Bhubaneswar-based ISL club until 2026.

 Odisha FC Rope In Cy Goddard for one year. Born in London to an English father and Japanese mother, Goddard has represented Japan at the U-16 and U-17 levels.



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 Odisha FC, Head coach Sergio Lobera .Captain and goalkeeper Amrinder Singh. AFC Cup and Indian Super League.



\*\* The state government will soon establish the 'Directorate for Odisha Parivar' to provide the necessary support to Pravasi Odias or Odia people living in other parts of the country and abroad.

It will act as a single point of interface with the various departments of the state government for resolution of specific issues regarding labour, students, cultural promotion and clearances. The directorate will enlist Odia associations in different parts of India and abroad. It will develop a close relationship with the NROs, including the Gen Next, through partnerships at individual, institutional and civil society levels on matters relating to promotion of Odia language, culture, heritage, tourism, sports, handlooms and handicrafts. It will enlist organizations involved in furthering the cause of cultural heritage of Odisha. The directorate will prepare a list of Jagannath temples located in different parts of India and abroad. It will promote the cultural heritage of Odisha, celebrate Odisha Diwas and organize World Odia Conferences at regular intervals. It will bring out selected Odia works in other languages of India and important languages of the world. The directorate will promote Odia

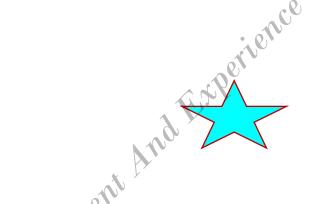


economic and skill networking to harness investment opportunities in Odisha. It will reach out to the NROs in distress and provide the necessary support.

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Q. Odisha has been ranked \_\_\_\_ in Best State category of the National Water Award, 2022 by ministry of Jal Shakti.

- (a) 1<sup>st</sup> (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> ←
- (c) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- (d) 5<sup>th</sup>





- For its work in the field of water resources conservation and management during 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- The Water Resources Department has completed two major projects of Lower Indra Irrigation Project in Nuapada and Bolangir and Upper Indravati Lift Canal Project in Kalahandi.
- Best State Madhya Pradesh
- Best District Ganjam

Q. Which district of Odisha won first prize at National level in best district category at 4<sup>th</sup> water award event ?

- (a) Cuttack
- (b) Mayurbhanj
- (c) Ganjam —
- (d) Khurdha



#### \*\*4th National Water Awards: Odisha's Ganjam is best district:





- Odisha has secured the second position among all states.
- Madhya Pradesh won the Best State award while Andhra Pradesh and Bihar were jointly placed at the third position.
- The Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar conferred the 4th National Water Awards on 17th June, 2023 at an award distribution ceremony being organised at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Organised by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Nationwide drive to realize the Government's vision of a 'Jal Samridh Bharat' or 'Water Prosperous India', the National Water Awards focus on encouraging the good work and efforts made by various individuals and organizations.
- 1st National Water Awards were launched in 2018 by DoWR, RD & GR. The 2nd and 3rd National Water Awards were given for the years 2019 and 2020. The awards were not given in the year 2021 due to COVID pandemic.

\*\*Ganjam district has won the 4th National Water Awards 2022 as the best district in the country in water resources conservation and management.

...Announced by The Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

...(Reason)Augmenting irrigation potential, drainage and river rejuvenation, soil conservation and watershed management, massive plantation, water supply, conservation of water and treatment of waste water, climate resilience initiatives and other district level initiatives.





#### Q. Which state/UT launched the 'Adarsha Colony initiative'?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Jharkhand



- Odisha To Build Country's First Model Colony For Climate Change Victims
- Rs 22.5 crore in the first phase for construction of a model colony to rehabilitate the displaced villagers of Satabhaya in Kendrapara district of Odisha.
- The deities of Panchubarahi temple were relocated to Bagapatia after the 400-year-old shrine was erased by the advancing sea.

Q. The Odisha govt. hosted an investment promotion road show, the Odisha Investors' Meet at May 17 in which city of India?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru←
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Pune





\*\*Operation Kaveri.





...The Centre had worked on mission mode to evacuate stranded Indian citizens including Odias from Sudan under Operation Kaveri.

...Completing a particularly high risk part of the ongoing Operation Kaveri, India has evacuated dozens of members of the Hakki Pikki tribe of Karnataka from war torn Sudan

Q. Odisha has emerged as the second most preferred investment destination in India right after \_\_\_\_\_, as per a recent report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra ←
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Gujarat

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• In the fiscal year 2023, Odisha managed to draw investments worth Rs 20.1 lakh crore, whereas Maharashtra led with Rs 27.6 lakh crore during the same period.

\*\*5th Indian Open Para Athletics International Championship in Bengaluru.

- 4 Odisha para athletes participated
- 8 medals, Odisha achived(5 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze)

...Three of the 5 gold medals were earned by Jayanti Behera (23 year), who finished first in 100m and 200m races. She was adjudged Best Female Para Athlete in last year's Nationals.

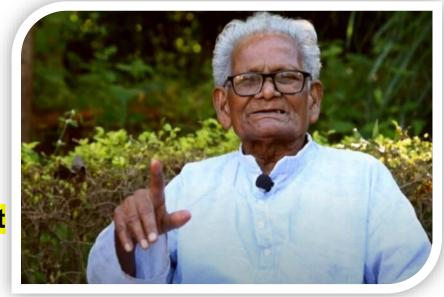






\*\*Nishakar Das passed away

• Eminent freedom fighter and member of **Bhoodan Movement** Nishakar Das passed away at 104 age in Odisha's Koraput.



...Das joined the freedom movement when he was just 15 years old. He was a member of the Banar Sena during Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Odisha from May 5 to May 21, 1934. He was jailed several times during the freedom struggle.

Later, the veteran freedom fighter joined Bhoodan Movement. He also worked for Swadeshi Jagaran and Gramya Swaraj.

\*\*13 New Senior Civil Judge Courts opened in Odisha



...Orissa High Court former Chief Justice S. Muralidhar inaugurated 13 new courts in the cadre of Senior Civil Judge across the state through hybrid mode.

...Puri, Kantamal in Boudh, Purusottampur in Ganjam, Jaipatna in Kalahandi, G.Udayagiri in Kandhamal, Boudh, Angul, Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Balasore and Bargarh.

... The new courts will be instrumental in speedy disposal of cases.

\*\*Rs 8000 Crore for Odisha:



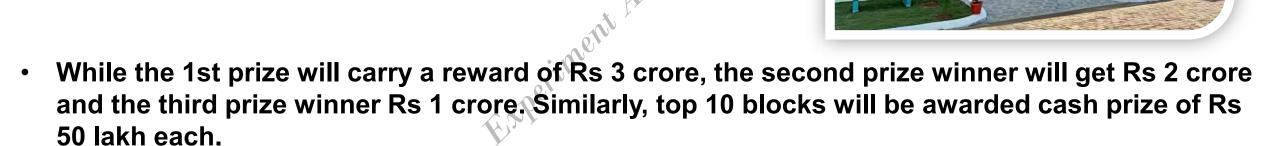


- PM Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several railway projects worth more than Rs 8,000 crore in Odisha through video conferencing on May 18.
- Flaged off the Vande Bharat Express between Puri and Howrah. The train will pass through Khordha, Cuttack, Jajpur, Bhadrak and Balasore districts in Odisha and Paschim Medinipur and Purba Medinipur districts in West Bengal.
- Redevelopment of Puri and Cuttack railway stations.
- Dedicate 100 percent electrification of the rail network in Odisha.

\*\*Odisha districts to get chief minister's education award under school

transformation initiative

 Odisha government will award the districts for their performance in school transformation programme.



\*\*(IWL) 2023: Gokulam Kerala won again

- The Indian Women's League, known as Hero Indian Women's League for sponsorship ties with Hero MotoCorp, is the women's top tier professional football league in Indian football. It was founded in 2016.
- Gokulam FC defeated KICKSTART FC 5-0 in the final in Ahmedabad. This is GKFC's third title in a row in the competition. (Gokulam FC defeated Odisha FC Quarter final)

#### **IWL** season awards

**Best emerging player: Astam Oraon (KSFC)** 

Golden Glove: Linthoi Devi (KSFC)

Golden Boot: Sabitra Bhandari (GKFC)

Golden Ball: Indumathi Kathiresan (GKFC)



\*\*Odisha govt adopts multidimensional approach to achieve odf plus status



...The objective of the workshop was to analyse the status of progress of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), which is to ensure that everyone in the world has access to lasting and safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in Odisha. The workshop also included deliberations with multiple stakeholders on strengthening, convergence, and accountability.

... "More than 30% of villages have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus in Odisha"

#### \*\*Kiran Manisha Mohanty

- The first Woman Grandmaster (WGM) from Odisha, has been appointed coach of the national team.
- Kiran took charge of the Indian team that is Participating in the Asian Continental Chess Championship, that held at Almaty, Kazakhstan, from June 3 to 12.





\*\*Odisha Athletics HPC's Jyothi Yarraji bags Gold; Silver For Purnima Hembram

...Jyothi Yarraji claimed her second gold at the 26th National Federation Cup Senior Athletics Championships when she emerged fastest in women's 200m



- Jyothi, from Odisha RF Athletics HPC, also qualified for the Asian Championship, which was held in Pattaya (Thailand) from July 12 to 16.
- Odisha girl Purnima Hembram, also from Odisha RF Athletics HPC, had to settle for silver medal in the Heptathlon event.
- RFHPC The Reliance Foundation Athletics High Performance Centre

\*\*Odisha's Paradip Port of Jagatsinghpur Wins Sagar Sresth Samman Award For 2023



- For 2023 for achieving the highest growth rate among all major ports in the country.
- Announced by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- Chairman of Paradip Port Trust is PL Haranadh
- The port has also won the award for best productivity in highest cargo growth rate of 16.56%.
- The Trust was handling 27,000 ton cargo per ship last financial year. Now in this financial year we have crossed 31,000 which is highest.

\*\*Railways opened 'One Station One Product' outlets in Odisha's 31 Stations

- The Ministry of Railways has opened 'One Station One Product' (OSOP) outlets to sell indigenous products in 21 states including Odisha and 3 Union Territories.
- The pilot of the OSOP scheme was launched on March 25 2022 and as on May 1, 2023, as many as 728 stations have been covered with 785 outlets across the country.



These stalls have showcased Ragicookies, Ragi biscuits, Ragi ganthiya, Kangu cookies, pearl millet cookies and coir products.

\*\*NISER Director Sudhakar Panda Received Biju Patnaik Award For Scientific

Excellence for the year 2020

- Announced by Odisha Bigyan Academy (OBA).
- A cash award of Rs 2 lakh along with citation and memento.
- National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER)
- Sangeeta Rath and Himansu Sekahar Fatesingh have been picked for Prana Krushna Parija Popular Science Book Award.

...Samanta Chandra Sekahar Award will be conferred on Luna Samanta of

Ravenshaw University; Chief Scientist, CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar, Danda Srinivas Rao; Anup Kumar Panda of NIT-Rourkela and Director, National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, Saroj Kanta Barik will receive a cash award of Rs. 1 lakh along with citation and memento.

...In the Young Scientists category, the awardees are Shasank Sekhar Swain of ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar, Nibedita Dash and Satyaprasad P Senanayak of NISER, Bhubaneswar, and Jnana Ranjan Senapati of NIT-Rourkela.

\*\*NCRB Report: Odisha stands 4th in missing women cases in country

...National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB), total 35,981 cases of missing women have been registered in Odisha till 2021. While Madhya Pradesh tops the list of missing women cases, Maharashtra is ranked second and West Bengal third.



...Of the missing cases in Odisha, 16,608 victims have been rescued or identified, while 19,175 women are yet to be traced, as per the NCRB report.

In the rate of rescue of missing women also, the state performs far less then the national average. Compared to rescue of 56.2% missing women at the national level, Odisha has reported 46.7% in the report.

\*\*HC asks Odisha Govt to draw action plan to end acute malnutrition by 2023-end



- The Orissa High Court has directed the state government to draw an action plan to ensure absence of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and reduction of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) in children by half the end of 2023.
- The SAM children are those in the red zone with a higher risk of contracting secondary infection.
   This category may suffer from severe illnesses. MAM children, on the other hand, show signs of malnourishment but are in the yellow zone which means their lives are not under threat.
- Approximately 36 lakh children in Odisha of whom 28,541 (as of April, 2023) are stated to be in the SAM category. Similarly, around 86,000 children in the state belong to the MAM category.

\*\*IIM Sambalpur students can now get French dual degree programmes

...Based on the National Policy on Education 2020, the University
Grants Commission (UGC) has allowed students to pursue two
degrees at the same time. Many IIMs in the country are offering this dual degree programme in collaboration with reputed foreign universities.

...Management institutes like Indian Institute of Management-Sambalpur and IIM Sirmaur have partnered with three prestigious French universities to offer exclusive dual degree programmes for Indian students.

...IIM Sambalpur has started its campus in Delhi.

\*\*Odia Movie "Whispers Of A Storm" received Shout-Out from UK PM

...It has been directed by National Award and State Award winner Amartya Bhattacharyya and produced by Swastik Choudhury.



... "Whispers of a Storm" received a shout-out from UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak during his message to the ongoing UK Asian Film Festival. The movie, which premiered in London on May 9. Set against the backdrop of a village devastated by Cyclone Fani which hit the coastal belts of Odisha in 2019, the film revolves around a photographer attempting to capture the impact of the storm and how his interaction with affected people unravels how they came to terms with the loss of human lives in their own ways.

\*\*CM announced Rs 111 crore financial assistance for kendu leaf beneficiaries

in second phase.

...More than 8 lakh kendu leaf workers of all the 22 districts except Jharsuguda, where poll code is in force, will get this assistance. Naveen Patnaik reiterated the demand for withdrawal of 18% GST on Kendu leaves in the interest of livelihoods of about eight lakh poor people of Odisha.

- In the first phase, assistance worth Rs 83 crore was directly deposited in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
- ...Odisha is the third largest producer of Kendu leaf with 20% of the countries annual production. Bargarh, Balangir, Sundargarh, Angul, Deogarh, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Malkanagri, Nabarangpur, Koraput and Sambalpur, have maximum kendu leaf growing areas.

\*\* National Monuments Authority (NMA) Chairman Professor Kishore K. Basa has been entrusted with the additional charge of the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for a period of six months. Basa is the former Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanjadeo University at Baripada in Odisha.



\*\*Four young Odisha (U-19) cricketers have been selected to be part of the Inter-National Cricket Academy (NCA) tournament, which held at Rajkot from May 21 to 31. The selected girls are Priyankaree Muduli (Team A),



Suchismita Panda(Team A), SB Lorence(Team F) and Tanmayee Behera(Team D).

\*\*Naveen Urges PM for two more Vande Bharat Trains For Odisha, one between Puri and Rourkela connecting Sambalpur and another train connecting Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad. After this Puri to Rourkela Vande Bharat train has been commenced.

\*\*Odisha cricketer Swagatika Rath, who represented the Indian women's team, announced her retirement from all formats of the game. The 28-year-old played for Odisha from 2007-2008 to 2015-2016 and then for Indian Railways from 2016-2017 to 2022-2023.An off-spinner, played 3 ODIs and 2 T20 Int. for Team india in 2012.



\*\*Bidyut Kumar Swain IAS officer of 1988 batch from Odisha appointed member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)



\*\*K-Pop Group Blackswan's (Korean) New Album Featuring Odisha-Born Sriya Lenka published and name of the album called 'That Karma'



\*\* Indian Women's Hockey Team's experienced defender Deep Grace Ekka (Sundargarh)achieved a special milestone of completing 250 International Caps, when she took the field for the second match of the ongoing India's tour of Australia in Adelaide.



\*\*Centre has sanctioned for two special railway projects — Talcher-Angul rail line and Bargarh-Nuapada rail line.



\*\*Odisha government is to set up a 'bone bank' on SCB Medical College and Hospital (SCBMCH) premises in Cuttack.



\*\*Odisha's 'Greenman' Sudhir Rout, who has already turned 13 bald hills of Ganjam into greenery in the last six years, plans to take up 7 more hills in Ganjam district this year.



\*\*Hardik Bhammar from Odisha entered the Guinness World Records for collecting photographs of varities of items featuring image around 6,055 different butterfly species.



\*\*Construction of 305 kilometre-long second Biju Expressway connecting Berhampur and Jeypore will start soon.



\*\*OMC Celebrates 68th Foundation Day In the Midst Of A Golden Period. Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC), the wholly owned corporation of Odisha government.



\*\*Dr. Lokanath Dash of AVP Care Hospitals in Bhubaneswar has been conferred with Top-100 CX Leaders in India award for his dynamic leadership, strategic influence and major contribution towards delivering excellence and innovation in the CX space.



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\*\* Sweta Rani Mahanta, an outstanding sports talent from Odisha's Joda-Barbil region, was felicitated by Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) for her winning golden performance at the Moscow Wushu Stars 2023 International tournament. in Russia.



\*\* IAS officer Siddhartha Das assumed charge as Director of Sports in Sports and Youth Services Department of Odisha government. Tusharkanti Behera, Minister of Sports and Youth Services



\*The 13th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2023 concluded. The defending champions Haryana, emerging as winners, while Jharkhand finished second. (4-14 May)



\*\* Partha Mazumder assumed charge as Regional Executive Director (Eastern Region-II), NTPC. He will look after the power stations and projects situated in Odisha, Jharkhand and Assam.



Q. The cyclone mocha has been named after a Red Sea port city known for its coffee production. The city of \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Mongolia
- (d) Yemen ←



#### Q. On Which Currency Note Is Odisha's Konark Temple Printed?

- (a) 10 Rupee Note ←
- (b) 20 Rupee Note
- (c) 100 Rupee Note
- (d) 500 Rupee Note



Q. Former Governor of Odisha Ganeshi Lal belongs to which state of India?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Haryana 💳
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Madhya Pradesh



Q. Dharmendra Pradhan wrote to the Union Minister of Tourism and Culture G Kishan Reddy urging the latter to intervene and direct the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the preservation and development of the 7th Century-old Kapileswar Temple (Somavamsi dynasty). In which district is the temple located?

- (a) Jajpur
- (b) Khurdha ←
- (c) Puri
- (d) Sambalpur

\*\*Justice Surya Kant of Supreme Court inaugurated five newly established Regional Judicial Academies in Odisha at Angul, Balasore, Sambalpur, Berhampur in Ganjam district and Jeypore in Koraput.



\*\*Replica of Konark Chakra, one of the 24 great stone wheels of the 'sun chariot' at Sun Temple in Odisha, is installed at Karma Gate of new Parliament building, which was inaugurated by PM Modi. The new building has three main gates – Gyan Dwar, Shakti Dwar and Karma Dwar.



Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with Infosys Limited and Nasscom to enhance the skills and employability of students in Higher Education Institutions in the state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh





 This collaboration aims to provide learning and employment opportunities for students and promote equal access to education for passionate individuals, equipping them for the future.

\*\*Odisha to be first state to release traditional millet landraces conserved by tribal farmers

...The state government launched Odisha Millets Mission(OMM) in 2017 to revive millets in farms and plates for a period of five years. It was further extended till 2026-27 in 2022.

...Odisha is home to 62 tribal communities who have a rich tradition of conserving local varieties of millet. Tribal farmers have been custodians of different millet varieties.

...For the first time in the country, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment developed a standard operating procedure for the recognition, evaluation, and release of these traditional landraces through a seed system for landraces under Odisha Millets Mission

Q. Which state government has launched the 'Artificial Intelligence for Youth' initiatives in the state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha←
- (d) Kerala

In the first phase, the initiative will be implemented in Bhubaneswar, Puri and Cuttack.

 Government assured that the initiative will augment the digital literacy of the masses and make them familiar with the next-generation cutting-edge technology.

\*\*Odisha for AI' & 'AI for Youth' Initiative launched by CM



- 1. The state government has roped in international technology company Intel for the initiative.
- 2. Odisha for Al is a free 4-hour course on Al by Intel on it's app/site. Initially, it will be open to all in the three cities and subsequently to all in the state. The site has detailed information about the course. Al for Youth is meant for the students below 18 of years belonging to 5T schools of phase1 and Odisha Adarsh Vidyalayas.
- 3. Intel India <mark>Head Nivruti Rai.</mark>

#### \*\*Pratyasa Ray's 4th medal

- Ace Odisha swimmer Pratyasa Ray at the 3rd Khelo India University Games (KIUG) held in Uttar Pradesh.
- The 20-year-old bagged her 4th medal for Utkal University, finishing second in women's 200m freestyle at Gautam Buddha Nagar.
- Pratyasa has a collection of 1 gold and 3 silver medals in the ongoing KIUG.





\*\*'Mo Ghara' Scheme, a new initiative

...It is a new housing scheme "Mo Ghara" to provide financial assistance for the lower and lower middle income households in rural areas.



- 'GHARA' Government Housing Assistance in Rural Areas.
- A beneficiary can avail housing loan up to Rs 3 lakh which can be repaid in 10 years
  excluding 1 year moratorium period in easy installments. They can opt for one of the four
  slabs of the loan amount Rs 1 lakh, 1.5 lakh, 2 lakh and 3 lakh.
- The state government will bear the expenses of Rs 2150 crore for around 4 lakh beneficiaries over a period of two years for the scheme under the Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department.

\*\*The 16-year-old Odisha girl Kashika Mishra won the ITC Classic event of the Amway Nutrilite Golf Tour in Delhi & became the first Odia woman to secure a World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR).



\*\*The Odisha govt increased ex-gratia amount for its employees in

case of death while on duty from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. Similarly, an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh will be provided for permanent disability due to injury instead of Rs 2 lakh. The compensation amount for partial disability has been raised from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh.



\*\*A rare red giant squirrel, which had been rescued from a roadside in Gajapati district Luagudi area, was sent to Nandankanan. The giant squirrel is an endangered species under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, it grants the protection from poaching, killing trading



\*\*Odisha native Rekha Acharya, a partner at the Information Services Group (ISG), was awarded the 2023 Women in Technology by Dallas Business Journal USA. She was among the 20 leaders in North Texas technology felicitated at its tenth annual Women in Technology Awards on May 18.



\*\* CM Naveen Patnaik sanctioned Rs 10 crore for development of OI Chiki script inventor Guru Gomke Pandit Raghunath Murmu memorial. (the development of Pandit Raghunath Murmu's Samadhi Peeth located at Dandbose – Kapi-Buru in Mayurbhanj district.) The OI Chiki script, also known as OI Chemet', OI Ciki, and sometimes as the Santali alphabet, is the official writing system for Santhali.

\*\*President Droupadi Murmu launched the 'Addiction Free Odisha' campaign by the Brahma Kumaris Centre at Hatbadra also inaugurated a 100 feet Flag Mast by hoisting the Tricolour near Badabandha in Mayurbhanj.



\*\*All beneficiaries of the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY) of the Odisha Government, are receive the money at disbursement centers on 15th of every month in the form of cash from June of 2023.



\*\*Uttar Pradesh defeated Odisha at the Birsa Munda stadium in 13th

Hockey India Sub-Junior National Championship, and thereby retained the title. Odisha got silver. Haryana got 3<sup>rd</sup> position with bronze medal. (18-28 May)



\*\*National award-winning filmmaker from Odisha Bijaya Jena unveiled the trailer of her new short film 'Winter Interlude' shot in Tallinn(Estonia) at the Indian Pavilion of the Cannes Film Festival on May 21. This Englishlanguage short film has anti-war message and how devastating events can rip families apart.



\*\*CM inaugurated ITC's state-of-the-art Integrated Consumer Goods Manufacturing and Logistics (ICML) facility at Khurda. The step will make Odisha the next industrial hub in the country. "The government recently came up with the Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR) 2022 which aims at transforming Odisha into a modern and advanced industrial state.



#### Q. Who is the chairperson of Lokayukt, Odisha?

- (a) Justice Bijay Kumar Nayak
- (b) Justice Shatrughna Pujari
- (c) Justice Muralidhar
- (d) Justice Ajit Singh -





Q. The forest department has launched efforts for the revival of the historical Siddhamatha medicinal forest. It is located in :

- (a) Kalahandi
- (b) Keonjhar ←
- (c) Malkangiri
- (d) Ganjam





Q. The Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) identified \_\_\_\_\_ villages in the coastal area as Tsunami prone?

- (a) 54
- (b) 44
- (c) 64
- (d) 74

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Q. Kanpur irrigation project on Baitarani river was in news. It is located in :

- (a) Sundergarh
- (b) Keonjhar ←
- (c) Angul
- (d) Bolangir



Q. According to a report, in which of the following district, most of the wetlands are being disappeared & becoming a matter of concern?

- (a) Cuttack
- (b) Ganjam
- (c) Jajpur ←
- (d) Bhadrak



Q. Bonda tribe was in news recently, this tribes live in \_\_\_\_\_?

- (a) Mayurbhanj
- (b) Sundergarh
- (c) Malkangiri←
- (d) Sambalpur



\*\*The state govt. has decided to develop the Konark temple complex, Ekamra Kshetra Lingaraj temple under the Integrated Development of Heritage & Monuments and Tourist Destination Scheme.



\*\*'T' with 'Tears & Smiles' Of Transgenders released across Odisha, after the Cannes spotlight and top honours at India International Film Festival of Boston

(IIFFB)USA. This Odia film 'T' is based on the life of Meghna Sahoo, India's first transgender cab driver, and showcases her life journey, struggles and triumphs.

Q. The second Culture Group meeting under G20 has been organized in which city?

in which city?

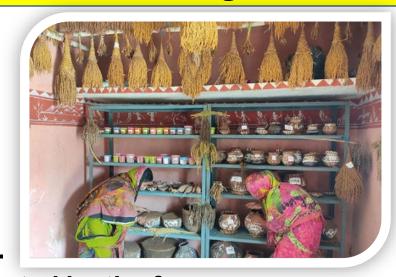
- (a) Varanasi
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bhubaneswar←
- (d) Ahmedabad



- The meeting addressed the importance of preserving and protecting cultural heritage, including tangible and intangible cultural properties.
- Shri G. Kishan Reddy and Shri Naveen Patnaik
- Theme Harnessing Living Heritage for a Sustainable Future

\*\*Bihan Mela by Kondh tribe

...Since 2019, members of the Kondh tribe in Odisha's Nayagarh district have observed an event of festivals and celebrations called-Bihan Mela. It is known as the seed festival and the event is participated by the farmers.



...Women, carefully collect seeds of the indigenous varieties and store them in earthen pots.

...Then, on a designated day in December, they decorate the pots with red and white motifs, place them in a bamboo basket and carry it on their head to the village where the fair is being organized.

...These tribal people speak languages called Kui and Kuvi. These belong to the Dravidian language family and have strong similarities to Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada.

\*\*Girls to be enrolled for polytechnic education under Sudakshya Scheme





- The Odisha govt has decided to enroll girl students who are interested in pursuing polytechnic education under Sudakshya scheme.
- Minister of Skill Development and Technical Education Pritiranjan Ghadei.
- The Sudakshya scheme, which was launched to improve girls' enrolment in ITIs, has witnessed remarkable success with the percentage of girls increasing from 6% in 2016-17 to 22.5% in 2022-23.
- The Budget allocation for the department increased from Rs 719 crore in 2019-20 to Rs 811 crore in 2022-23. In the 2023-24 budget, the department was allocated Rs 986.25 crore.

\*\*Odisha's Sidharth Routray scaled Mount Elbrus(18,510 ft / 5,642 metre), the highest peak in Europe, located in Russia, amid extremely low temperature (-35 °C)



\*\*The State became a pioneer and the first in the country to support

and commence international air connectivity in the interest of the public. Indigo Airlines Commenced direct international flights to Singapore as well as Bangkok from June 3, 2023. Also direct flight have been launched by CM to Dubai from May 15.

\*\*Established in 1899, the railway station was the first dedicated railway line as well as the first royal railway station of Odisha. Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) seeks heritage status for oldest railway station of Odisha at Paralakhemundi.



\*\*The Odisha government has approved 9 posts for the newly formed Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) at Jharsuguda. which has been formed by including Laikera and Kirimera blocks of Jharsuguda district under tribal sub-plan (TSP), it would give a boost to tribal welfare schemes in all villages of the two blocks.

\*\*Odisha government will spend around Rs 717.4 crore for the year 2023-24 to provide 5 kg rice to 2.96 crore beneficiaries under the national food security act (NFSA) & State food security scheme(SFSS).

\*\*Odisha became 2<sup>nd</sup> state in the country to launch OBC survey after Bihar, which was scheduled from May 1 to May 26, but it was extended to June 6. A total of 208 castes, excluding Brahman, Karan, ST and SC, are participating in the survey. The survey in all 314 blocks and 114 civic body areas. Currently, Odisha has reservation quotas of 22.5 per cent, 16.25 per cent and 11.25 for SC, ST and OBC categories respectively.

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\*\*Mrutyunjay Mohapatra gets a key post in World Meteorological Organisation:

...Director General of India Meteorological Department (IMD)
Mrutyunjay Mohapatra was elected as the Vice President of World
Meteorological Organisation (WMO).





...Mohapatra is well known for his accurate prediction of cyclonic storms in recent times. The team led by Mohapatra provided early warning for cyclones like Phailin, Hudhud, Vardah, Titli, Sagar, Mekunu and Fani.

...Mohapatra was born in Rajagurupur village in Bhadrak district of Odisha. He had received MSc and PhD in Physics from Utkal University in Bhubaneswar.

\*\*State Govt's move to acquire land for 3 mega projects are getting resistance:

- The three mega projects: a steel plant, riverine port and coastal highway
- resistance by locals & environmentalists.
- steel plant by ArcelorMittal in partnership with Nippon Steel of Japan in Mahakalapara block
- state's first riverine port project at Akhadasali of mahakalapara block.
- 49 km long coastal highway, which will be constructed under centre sponsored Bharatmala Pariyojana.
- The proposed projects will lead to a loss of biodiversity and natural environment in Bhitarakanika NP & a loss of livelihood for the fishermen.
- Bhitarakanika spreads over 672 sq km of area, was declared WLS in 1975 while 145 sq km was pronounced a national park in 1998. The area has been designated as a Ramsar site in 2002.



Q. The second generation (2G) ethanol bio-refinery of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) being set up in Odisha. In which of the following district?

- (a) Mayurbhanj
- (b) Bargarh ←
- (c) Ganjam
- (d) Kendrapara



- It will give momentum to green growth and sustainable development.
- The bio-refinery, the first of its kind to be set up, will have a capacity to produce three crore litres of fuel grade ethanol annually using rice straw as the feedstock. Ethanol produced from this plant will be blended with petrol.

Q. CM approved a project proposal with an estimated cost of Rs 112 crore for the development and beautification of the famous Mahima shrine in Joranda of

- (a) Angul
- (b) Dhenkanal —
- (c) Puri
- (d) Mayurbhanj



Q. KIIT Deemed to be University has achieved a remarkable milestone in 2023, securing the \_\_\_\_\_ position in the prestigious National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) list released by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

- (a) 14<sup>th</sup>
- (b) 15<sup>th</sup>
- (c) 16<sup>th</sup> ←
- (d) 17<sup>th</sup>

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\*\*A statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled at Dhumat village in Odisha's Kendrapara district on the occasion of the 89th anniversary of Gandhiji's visit to Dhumat, Kendrapara on May 30, 1934, where the Father of the Nation stayed during his padayatra in 1934. (total 8 times)

\*\*The Odisha government proposes collaboration with Japan in the field of bio-medicals for research and innovation, business exchange and human resources development. The collaboration between Kobe Bio-Medical Innovation Cluster, Japan and Government of Odisha with reputed institutes such as Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) and ICMR-RMRC, BBSR.



\*\*The abundant mango harvest in Dhenkanal this year, the district bagged the top spot in the state with production of 50,000 metric tonne mangoes. This year a direct consignment of 2.5 tonne Amarpalli mangoes was exported to Dubai under the agricultural and processed food product export development authority(APEDA) which is under ministry of commerce and industry from farmer Subrat kumar Das's Nature Eco farm.

\*\*The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has approved the elevation of senior Odisha IAS officer Pradipta Kumar Mohapatra to the rank of Secretary for appointment at the Centre, who is now posted as Chairman of Odisha Forest Development Corporation (OFDC)



\*\*The 62nd Inter-State Athletics Championships began at the Kalinga Stadium. At the inaugural ceremony, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president and legendary Indian athlete, PT Usha declared the meet open.



\*\*Odisha U18 girls were anointed Champions at the recetly concluded Junior National Rugby 7s Championship 2023, following a victory against the home team Maharashtra at Balewadi in Pune.



#### \*\* 62nd National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships:

...The five-day from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June, major Top Indian track and field athletes domestic competition held at Bhubaneswar's eight-lane Kalinga Stadium.

...They had a good chance to prove themself for the Budapest World Athletics Championships August 19 to 27 in Hungary and Hangzhou Asian Games in 23 Sep to 8 Oct in China.

#### ...Winners

- 100m <mark>Jyothi Yarraji</mark> (Andhra Pradesh), Srabani Nanda (<mark>Odisha</mark>),
- 400m Anjali Devi (Haryana), Himanshi Malik (Haryana),
- 1500m KM Deeksha (Madhya Pradesh), Harmilan Bains (Punjab),
- 35km race walk Manju Rani (Punjab), Mamta Pal (Uttar Pradesh),
- 100m Siva Kumar(Tamil Nadu), Harjit Singh (Punjab),
- 400m Kalinga Kumarage (Sri Lanka), Muhammed Anas (Kerala),
- 800m Krishan Kumar (Haryana), Mohammed Afsal (Kerala)
- 35km race walk Juned (Haryana), Eknath Sambhaji Turambekar (Maharashtra),

# Q. Indian football team won Hero intercontinental Cup in final at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. Whom did they defeat in final?

- (a) Lebanon←
- (b) Mongolia
- (c) Vanuatu
- (d) Iran





- Date: 9 o 18 June, 2023
- CM announced Rs 1 crore for the Champions Team India.
- Sports & Youth Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera
- AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey.
- Teams: Mongolia, Vanuatu and Lebanon

#### \*\*Women's Junior Asia Cup 2023:

- Date 2<sup>nd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023
- Category Under 21
- Odisha girl Sunelita Toppo played an significant role as she netted the winning goal in the semifinal against hosts Japan.
- Madhuri Kindo is a player belong to Odisha.
- Indian girls defeated four-time champions South Korea in the Junior Asia Cup Women's hockey tournament at Japan's Kakamigahara.
- It was India's first title in the competition.



\*\*246 % Growth in food grain production in Odisha Since 2000-01:





- ...Odisha had produced 55.35 lakh metric tonne food grain in 2000-2001 fiscal while the figure rose to 136.07 lakh metric tonne in 2022-23 financial year.
- ...Odisha is the fourth largest contributor to paddy procurement pool of FCI.
- ... The state government has allocated Rs 24,829 crore towards agriculture sector in the Budget for 2023-24 fiscal.
- ...Odisha government has also allocated Rs 1,879 crore for Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme.

#### \*\*MUKTA Scheme:

Mukhya Mantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan (MUKTA) was launched by CM on April 18, 2020 with a mission to create rapid, immediate and mass employment opportunities for urban poor and informal and migrant labourers, rendered unemployed and vulnerable in the face of Covid-19 infused crisis, while addressing the needs of creation of climate resilient, cost-effective sustainable and replicable



community assets by implementing labor-intensive public works across 115 Urban Local Bodies.

...Rs 423.87 crore for 37 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) covering 10 districts of central RDC division under the state-funded MUKTA scheme for 2023-24 financial Year.(1st Phase)

...Rs. 183.81 crore in the second phase for 42 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) covering 10 districts of Southern RDC Division ...Rs 225.53 Cr For 36 ULBs in 3rd phase.

... The projects approved under MUKTA are climate resilient work, creation of civic amenities like Mini Park, Open Air Gym, Child play station, Playground, Walking track, Loo, Vending Zones, and other public utility works like Open Space Development, Water Body Development, Construction of Multi-purpose Community Centers, Wall Painting, City beautification and other Labour-oriented works.

\*\*MUKTA scheme:Mukhya Mantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan



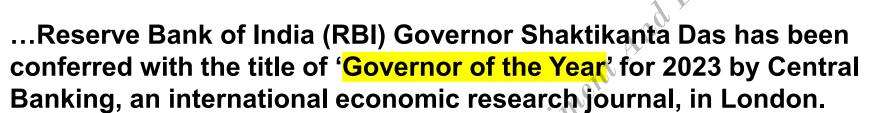
... MUKTA, an urban wage employment scheme, is under implementation at 115 cities under the 5T framework. The Housing & Urban Development department has been assigned to undertake intensive capacity-building programmes of Mission Shakti Groups and Slum Dweller Associations in partnership with Knowledge Partner "Urban Management Centre" for execution of MUKTA in all 115 ULBs of the state.

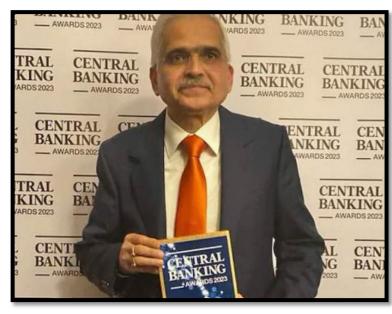
CM launched MUKTA on April 18, 2020 with a focus on reducing economic vulnerabilities and enhancing the resilience of the urban poor and migrant labourers in the face of COVID pandemic.

During the last 3 years, around 52,500 projects with an investment of Rs 756 crore have been implemented across 115 ULBs. More than 62 lakh workdays have been generated directly benefitting around 6 lakh urban poor and migrant labourers, of which 40% are women beneficiaries.

Around Rs 260 crore have been paid to wage seekers under the scheme. About 18,500 Women SHGs have partnered in the scheme for project execution and received around Rs 26 crore as supervision charges.

\*\*'Governor of the year' at central banking awards 2023:





...He is the second Central Bank governor to be honoured with the award after Raghuram Rajan, who bagged the title in 2015.

... A retired IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, Das originally hails from Odisha.

Q. Odisha govt. would develop Gundichaghagi waterfall to attract tourists and create employment opportunities in the area. In which of the following district it is located?

- (a) Mayurbhanj
- (b) Keonjhar ←
- (c) Ganjam
- (d) Puri

Also Siddha Math, Deka Devi temple and Maa Tardina shrine would be developed like Jagannath temple in Puri.

\*\*Odisha-born Santanu Mishra was conferred IBM's "Sustainability Leader of the Year" award during the UBS Forum Sustainability Summit & Awards 2023 in Mumbai for his pioneering the concept of Social Venture Philanthropy (SVP) in the development sector.



\*\* Athletes from Odisha, Md Reyan Basha and Dondapati Jayaram secured the bronze in the 4x100m Relay at the 20th Asian U20 Athletics Championship in Yecheon, South Korea.



\*\*Odisha women defeated Maharashtra in the finals of the 10th Senior National Rugby 7s Championship, at Balewadi Stadium.

3rd Place – Delhi.



\*\*A book, 'Digbijayee Gajapati', written by Dr Indramani Jena was unveiled by Chhattisgarh Governor Biswabhushan Harichandan . Also the book – 'Ama Chalani, Ama Charitra, Ama Chamaka', edited by Dr Jena was also unveiled by Harichandan.



\*\* Odisha government has appointed retired judge Justice Pramath Patnaik as Chairperson of the Odisha Real Estate Appellate Tribunal (OREAT). The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016



\*\*A Bharatanatyam guru from Malaysia reportedly died during a dance festival at Bhanja Kala Mandap in the capital. The deceased has been identified as Sri Ganeshan



\*\*The National Medical Commission has given its approval for opening of another government medical college at Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district. The Government Medical College & Hospital will be renamed as 'Saheed Rendo Majhi Medical College and Hospital' in honour of the great freedom fighter of Kalahandi district.



\*Former 5 times Lok Sabha Member from the Jajpur, constituency in 1971, 1980, and 1984 on a Congress ticket. Later, in 1989 and 1991, he was elected to the Lok Sabha as a representative of the Janata Party, Anadi Charan Das passed away at 92.



\*\*Odisha's ITI-Berhampur develops E-Trolley for street vendors to carry goods

specially for women

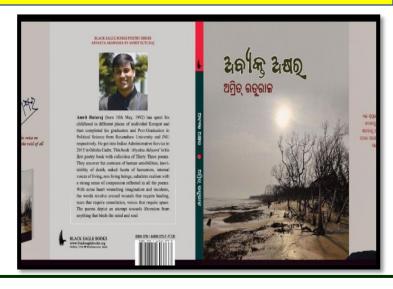
...This low-cost environment friendly vehicle is battery-operated and does not produce any emission.

...When charged fully, it can carry a load of up to 300 kg and cover a distance of 50 km at a stretch.

...It will be used by women vendors to cover long distances with vegetables and other items they sell.

...The e-trolleys will most likely help cities reduce their carbon footprint and revolutionise public transportation.

\*\*In the book, the young bureaucrat A 2015 Odisha cadre IAS officer, Ruturaj, expressed various issues affecting the society at large. 'Abyakta Akhyara', a Black Eagle publication



\*\*Kalpana Jena bagged Silver for the country in the 2 km time trial cycling event at Special Olympics World Summer Games (Date – 17 to 25 June, 2023) in Berlin.



\*\*Odia Author Jugal Kishore Sarangi conferred with Bal Sahitya Puraskar:

at And Experience



- For 'Jejenka Gapa Ganthili', which is a collection of stories published in 2018.
- The award, comprising a copper plaque and a cash prize of Rs 50,000,
- Sarangi(78), who writes both in Odia and Koshali languages, his first book was 'Asare Pile Asa'.
- Sahitya Akademi President Madhav Kaushik
- Formation 12 March 1954

\*\*Mirarani among Judges For Senior Rhythmic Gymnastics Trials:

...The Gymnastics Federation of India has named Odisha's Mirarani Das as a judge for an important assignment beginning on June 29 at New Indoor Complex in Jammu's MA Stadium.

... A national-level judge and 15 others conducted the Senior Rhythmic Gymnastics trials for the selection of India's Asian Games team & formation of rankings list for upcoming international competitions.



\*\*Two from Odisha received National Florence Nightingale Award:



...Sebati Sahoo and Manjulata Maharana from Odisha received National Florence Nightingale Awards for 2022 and 2023 respectively from President Droupadi Murmu at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.



...Sebati is currently posted at districts headquarters hospital in Nabarangpur, while Manjulata is working as ANM at Sahaspur health sub-centre, Puri.

\*\* Rs 20 crore for the Aahaar Centres has been sanctioned from the Chief

Minister's Relief Fund:



- From 2015-16 to 2021-22, the government sanctioned Rs 228.76 crore for the popular cheap food scheme from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- The Aahaar initiative was launched in the state on April 1, 2015. Food provided under this scheme comprising cooked meal at Rs 5 per meal.

\*\*Animal Census: This Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha is home to 82 Leopards,

One Royal Bengal Tiger :

Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in BARGARH district

...The overall herbivore density at Debrigarh has gone up to 46 animals per square km from 29 animals per sq km in 2022.

...Among the herbivores, the sanctuary has the highest number chitals followed by gaur, sambar, wild boar and chowsingha

... the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given its approval to a proposal of the state government to declare Debrigarh a tiger reserve.

...The state government had proposed to declare Debrigarh, spread of 804.51 sq km area, as a tiger reserve in 2018. Debrigarh would be the third tiger reserve of Odisha after Similipal and Satkosia.

#### \*\* Centre extends tenure Of MWDT Up To April 13, 2026:

...The Jal Shakti Ministry said the tribunal was required to submit its report and decision of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956 within a period of three years by March 11, 2021. But as it could not submit the report within the deadline due to unavoidable reasons, it had requested the Centre for an extension to do so. An extension was granted for two years till March 11, 2023. Invain.



The tribunal then requested the Central Govt to consider the period from March 2020 to June 2021 to be non-functioning an embellishing due to Covid-19 pandemic and requested for another extension.

The Ministry has now extended the time-frame till April 13, 2026.

Acting on the complaint, the Centre had constituted a Negotiation Committee for settlement of the dispute through negotiation. The committee submitted its report in May 2017. It mentioned that any further meetings of this committee would not be fruitful.

Accordingly, it was concluded that the dispute cannot be resolved by negotiation. Subsequently, the Centre constituted Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal on March 12, 2018

\*\*Sand sculptor Satya Narayan Maharana has made the smallest chariot of Lord Jagannath (Nandighosha) from old newspapers in a day. It measures 7 inches in height, and 4.5 inches in width, and weighs just 45 grams and is an exact replica of Puri's Nandighosha chariot.



#### Earlier,

Maharana created the world's smallest chariot measuring just 1 cm in height and the artwork has found its place in the India Book of Records. He holds many records, including the Asia Book of Record, National Book of Record, Global Book of Record, World Record Sector and India World Records for this unique piece of art.

\*\*Odisha joined the #LetsMove campaign on Olympic Day. :





...As many as 63,000 schools and approximately seven million children across Odisha joined the #LetsMove campaign on Olympic Day (23rd June).

...The campaign was jointly driven by the Sports and Youth Services department and School and Mass Education department in association with the International Olympic Committee and Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust.

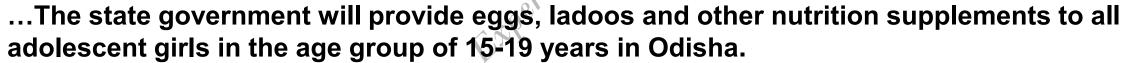
...The students celebrated the spirit of the Olympics, echoing the motto of 'Citius, Altius, Fortius

– Communiter' – "Faster, Higher, Stronger-Together."

\*\* Mukhyamantri Sampoorna Pushti Yojana:

...The Odisha govt will launch MSPY to improve nutrition status of adolescent girls, pregnant women, lactating mothers and underweight children in the state.





...Kishori Melas to be organized for the screening of adolescent girls for anemia, "Additional take home ration in the form of nutrient rich food products including millets and eggs will be provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers in the state,"

...The state government will also provide augmented take home ration (THR) and additional eggs to underweight children below 6 years of age under the scheme.



\*\*Odisha to build over 3,000 Km Of Roads Under Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana :

nd Experience



- The state government has sanctioned around Rs 5,000 crore for the projects.
- The state government has sanctioned Rs 976 crore for implementation of MMSY-Connecting Unconnected Villages in Difficult Areas (CUVDA).
- The state government will construct 361.34 km new roads under the scheme in two years.
- Rs 1,893 crore for the implementation of MMSY-Transferred Road Improvement Programme (TRIP) in 2023-24 and 2024-25 fiscals.

\*\*54th International OSA Convention At Chicago, USA:



...The Odisha Society of the Americas (OSA) is the single largest and structured organization of Odias outside India. Since its inception, more than 50 years back, Odias are working relentlessly to promote Odia culture and heritage in North America.

This year the International OSA 2023 Convention at Chicago, USA had the largest gathering of Odias outside India. Convention theme 'Aarohi', the evolving Odias showcased a glimpse of our language, culture, art and futuristic vision.

\*\*The 588th coronation anniversary of Odisha's Last Great Emperor Kapilendradeva, the founder of Gajapati Dynasty, celebrated at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. He had ascended the throne on June 29, 1435.



\*\*Odisha is all set to get the first Aviation Security Training Institute (ASTI) to impart training to personnel working in the aviation industry including police personnel at BPIA, Birasal Airstrip in Dhenkanal and Utkela airstrip in Kalahandi.



\*\*The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Abhay Prasad Hota as parttime Chairman of Federal Bank from June 29, 2023, to January 14, 2026. He grew up in Odisha's Kalahandi.



\*\*Following the demand by the local people, Ratnagiri Road railway station in Odisha's Jajpur district has been renamed as Udaygiri-Ratnagiri Road railway station.



\*\*Pratyasha and Shristi, who are trainees of Odisha JSW swimming HPC, battled for glory against top swimmers from around the world at China's Chengdu in the prestigious Games, held from July 28 to August 8.



\*\*Berhampur MLA Bikram Kumar Panda has been appointed as chairperson of Odisha's Ganjam District Planning Committee.



\*\* Subroto Bagchi has stepped down from the post of chairman of Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA). Alka Arora Mishra Succeeds Him



\*\*Globally renowned scientist, visionary entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr Sita Kantha Dash is a founder of the probiotics industry worldwide and whose life's mission to research and promote the benefits of probiotics. He is from remote village in Odisha's Dhenkanal district. He established UAS Laboratories, a developer and marketer of innovative probiotic products. Since the company's founding in 1979, it has gained the reputation of being one of world's top probiotics companies.



\*\*CM inaugurated Ayub Khan Multi-Speciality Hospital at Kantabanji in Balangir district. The hospital has been named after well-known leader and social activist of the area Ayub Khan.



\*\*Odisha Govt prioritises Siali Beach Conservatio in Jagatsinghpur Under 5T Transformation



# Q. Odisha government received incentive of Rs. 2725 crore from Central Government for 2021 & 2022. What is the incentive related?

- (a) Power Sector reform ←
- (b) Agriculture sector reform
- (c) Mining sector reform
- (d) Pension reform



The Ministry of Power, the Ministry of Finance has granted permission for reforms undertaken in 2021-22 and 2022-23 to 12 states, including Odisha. Over the last two financial years, they have been allowed to raise financial resources of Rs 66,413 crore through additional borrowing permissions.

Q. Mukhyamantri Krushi Udyog Yojana (MKUY) was in news for its changing in guidelines. When did this yojana launch?

- (a) 01/June/2017
- (b) 01/June/2018 ←
- (c) 01/June/2019
- (d) 01/June/2020

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for the benefit of the farmers especially agri-entrepreneurs and allied sectors.

### Q. Janibili drinking water project is located in which district?

- (a) Sambalpur
- (b) Ganjam ←
- (c) Bargarh
- (d) Subarnapur



\*\*Sanjeev Kumar Chadha, a 1989-batch Odisha Cadre IFS, has been appointed as Additional Secretary Women & Child Development Ministry, Government of India.



\*\* The Odisha Cabinet under the chairmanship of CM decided to provide land for the development of infrastructure of Maa Majhigharianii Temple in Rayagada.



\*\*A delegation of agricultural experts from the Govt of Ethiopia, came to examine the impact of agri-tech efforts on proactive governance and farmer income, visited Krushi Bhawan, the administrative centre of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment.

\*\*The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) received Rs 37 crore for construction of a tunnel at Laxmi Dungri, a reserve forest in Sambalpur district, The tunnel's objective is to check disruption of traffic movement due to landslides on NH-53 connecting Mumbai and Kolkata.

\*\*13<sup>th</sup> Hockey India Junior Men's national Championship 2023 at Birsa Munda Stadium Rourkela. 1.Madhya Pradesh, 2.Chandigarh, 3.Haryana, 4. Odisha



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#### \*\*Odisha Rural-Urban Transition Policy:

...With an aim at minimising rural-urban divide, CM approved 'Odisha Rural-Urban Transition Policy' to provide essential urban infrastructure, amenities and services to all citizens residing in villages adjoining cities.

...Presently, 19% of Odisha's population resides in urban areas and is expected to reach 21% by 2031. The growth of census towns or peri-urban areas account for nearly 40% of the urbanization in the state. However, these peri-urban and rurban areas have been grappling with the challenge of inadequate access to social infrastructure and civic amenities and services even after declaring such areas as urban areas.

\*\*Odisha Win 2 Gold Medals, 1 Silver At Commonwealth Weightlifting

Championship:

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... Place : Gautam Buddha University Greater Noida in UP.

...Jyoshna Sabhar bagged a Gold in the 40kg Youth Category, while Mina Santa won gold in the 55kg Youth Category.

Jhilli Dalabehera won the silver medal in the 49kg Senior Category.

\*\*Hrudananda Das, from Weightlifting HPC Dhenkanal Sub-Centre



\*\*CM Launched 'Mukhya Mantri Sabha Ghar' Scheme In Western Odisha:



- ... (chief minister meeting room)
- ...Under the scheme, 2,000 Kalyan Mandaps and local auditoriums will be constructed with a cost of Rs 25 crore in western Odisha. The scheme will be taken up under 5T initiative of the state government aims at promoting socio-cultural activities of the people.
- ...Western Odisha Development Council (WODC).
- ...CM also laid foundation stone and inaugurated several projects worth Rs 33.58 crore on the occasion. Those include Gadiajor bridge in Balangir, town hall in Titlagarh, eco museum in Bargarh, auditorium in Deogarh, students' hostel of Brajmohan high school in Kalahandi and auditorium of GM College in Sambalpur.

\*\*Leading steel maker Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) has been conferred with CSR Health Impact Gold Award for COVID Relief initiatives in the mega projects category from former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Dr Kiran Bedi, during a ceremony held in New Delhi.



\*\*Govt to build bridge over Kharasrota river on nua bazar-balitara ghat road in Kendrapara district.



#### \*\*Fakir Mohan National Literary Award 2023:

...Alka Saraogi, a novelist and short story writer in Hindi language, has been conferred with Fakir Mohan National Literary Award for the year 2023.

...The decision was taken during a meeting chaired by FM University,



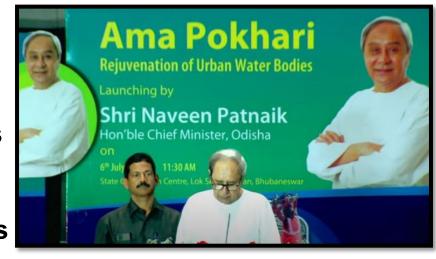
...She became the third person after Malayali writer U R Ananthamurthy and Tamil writer Perumal Murugan.

...The university will also confer 'Vyasa Gauraba Samman-2023' to Gourahari Das, noted Odia litterateur and scribe, and Sudarsan Nanda, retired IIT professor and former vice-chancellor of North Odisha University, Baripada. Similarly Sanjay Panda has been picked for 'Fakir Mohan Juba Galpika Puraskar' given to youth short story writer (below 35 years of age)



\*\*CM Launches 'Ama Pokhari' Project For Rejuvenation Of Urban Water Bodies:

...The objective of the project is to develop all the water bodies in and around the urban areas across the state. Several water bodies in the urban areas are now being rejuvenated with the help of Mission Shakti Groups. Over Rs 120 crore investment is being be made under this initiative.



...Under the project, around 2000 water bodies in 115 urban local bodies of the state will be renovated.

...The water bodies will also be developed for the entertainment of the citizens and their surroundings will get an aesthetic face-lift. The renovation and maintenance of the water bodies will be done in collaboration with women of Mission Shakti.

...The project will be executed using natural and organic methodology to improve the climate of the coastal and surrounding areas.

\*\* Jyothi Yarraji claimed the women's 100m hurdles gold at the Asian Athletics

Championships:

It was the first time an Indian woman had topped the hurdles.

 Andhra's Yarraji, who trained at Odisha RF Athletics HPC, won the hurdles final at Bangkok's Supachalasai National

Stadium.

 Indiawon 2 more gold medals through the efforts of Abdulla Aboobacker in men's triple jump and Ajay Kumar in men's 1500m.

- Dates: Wed, 12 Jul, 2023 Sun, 16 Jul, 2023
- Bangkok, Thailand

#### \*\*Rise In Conjunctivitis Cases:

- With monsoons fuelling increase in seasonal infections, Odisha public
- health director Niranjan Mishra cautioned the public about rise in
- conjunctivitis (pink eye) while issuing a set of hygiene guidelines.
- Due to change of seasons and consequent variations in temperature, pathogens get active specially in clusters leading to various kinds of infections like flu, cough, cold, etc. Conjunctivitis, similarly, is a viral infection and spreads easily through physical contact.
- As it is communicable, people getting the infection are asked to refrain from touching their eyes or using handkerchief and washing their hands regularly.
- Conjunctivitis usually gets better within a week. If people exercise basic hygiene and safety guidelines, there is no need to panic.
- Conjunctivitis is is an irritation or inflammation of the outer membrane of the eyeball and the inner eyelid. It can be extremely contagious and is spread by contact with eye secretions from someone who is infected.
- Symptoms include redness, itching and tearing of the eyes.



\*\*Chandrayaan-3'S Vital Components Manufactured at Bhubaneswar-Based CTTC:

- Central Tool Room & Training Centre (CTTC) in Bhubaneswar.
- The manufacturing process, which costed approximately Rs 12 crore, involved the production of valves, internal navigation systems, temperature sensors, aerospace components, gyroscopes, RGPD components, and various other crucial parts.
- Over the course of two years, more than 150 technicians at the CTTC training center have dedicated their efforts to fabricating these vital components for Chandrayaan-3. The facility has played a pivotal role in meeting the project's requirements, showcasing its expertise in manufacturing advanced aerospace technology.
- CTTC Bhubaneswar is also actively engaged in the manufacturing of crucial components for Gaganyaan, the country's ambitious manned mission, which is slated for launch either by the end of 2023 or in 2024.

#### \*\*Odisha Gets 3rd Highest allocation under Disaster Response Fund:

	S.No.	State	Amount
	1.	Andhra Pradesh	493.60
	2.	Arunachal Pradesh	493.60 110.40 340.40 624.40 181.60 4.80 584.00 216.80 180.40
	3.	Assam	340.40
	4.	Bihar	624.40
	5.	Chhattishgarh	181.60
	6.	Goa	4.80
	7.	Gujarat	584.00
	8.	Haryana	216.80
	9.	Himachal Pradesh	180.40
	10.	Karnataka	348.80
	11.	Kerala	138.80
1.	12.	Maharashtra	1420.80
	13.	Manipur	18.80
	14.	Meghalaya	27.20
_	15.	Mizoram	20.80
3.	16.	Odisha	707.60
	17.	Punjab	218.40
	18.	Tamil Nadu	450.00
	19.	Telangana	188.80
	20.	Tripura	30.40
2.	21.	Uttar Pradesh	812.00
	22.	Uttrakhand	413.20



\*\*Gadadhar Mohapatra in 'Unsung Heroes Of India's Freedom Struggle' List:

- A freedom fighter named Gadadhar Mohapatra has been included in the list of Unsung Heroes of India's Freedom Struggle published on a website by the Central Government to commemorate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The elderly man who has already passed away, in his early days, he was a member of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Azad Hind Fauj.



...In 1942, he joined the Indian National Army and with them he marched to Burma and fought against the British army. Then he entered Rangoon with INA. But after the defeat of Japan and the Indian National Army he was imprisoned by the British army in 1945 and was lodged in Rangoon Central jail as a prisoner of war. From there he was brought to Jigergaja jail where his statement was recorded. Thereafter he was taken to Sultan jail where he was lodged for eight months. Then he was released on 23 February 1946.

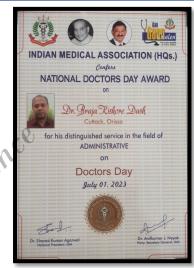
\*\*GPs in Swabhiman Anchal to be included under SETU Scheme:



- Socio-Economic Transformation and Upliftment (SETU)
- Nine cut-off GPs of Chitrakonda Block are connected by Gurupriya Setu, the bridge constructed over the Gurupriya river since 2018. The SETU scheme is being executed for social and economic development of people residing in Swabhiman Anchal since that year.
- Gurupriya Nauka Vihar (Gurupriya Boating Complex) is inaugurated in Malkangiri to promote tourism and economic development.



\*\* Dr Braja Kishore Dash, Addl DMET, Odisha has been awarded with "National Doctors Day Award" for his distinguished service in the field of Administrative on #DoctorsDay, 1st July, 2023.





\*\* Sarada Prasan Mohanty has taken over as Regional Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for Odisha.



\*\*The Odisha government has appointed Yamini Sarangi as State Project Director, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan (OAVS). A 2008-batch IAS officer.



\*\*Dr Sudhansu K K Mishra took charge as Chief General Manager of NABARD, Odisha Regional Office, who was CGM of Himachal Pradesh Regional Office prior to this posting.



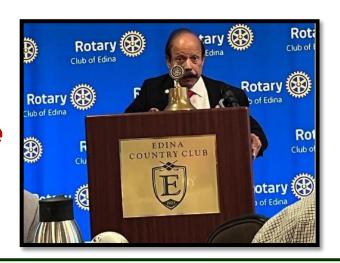
\*\*The state government will develop the birthplace of legendary freedom fighter Veer Surendra Sai at Khinda in Sambalpur district of Odisha as a tourist destination. Born in 1809, Sai had fought against the British rule in India. He was captured and imprisoned at Asirgarh hill fort, now located in Madhya Pradesh, for several years. Sai died inside the jail in 1884.



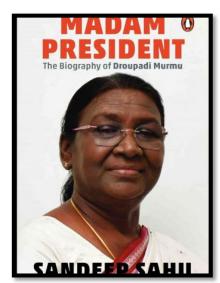
\*\*The state government on 14 July successfully organised Odisha Investors' Meet at Raipur, with a focus on attracting investments in varied industry sectors.



\*\*Odia-American Scientist Sitakantha Dash Honoured By Rotary Club With Prestigious Philanthropic Award. Philanthropist Dr Sitakantha Dash, who has helped shape the \$100 billion probiotic industry through his pioneering work, was honored by the Rotary Club of Edina, Minnesota, USA.



\*\*"Madam President" by Sandeep Sahu is a captivating biography that chronicles the extraordinary life of Droupadi Murmu, emphasising her remarkable rise from humble tribal roots to becoming the President of India. The book delves into her personal tragedies, including the loss of her two sons and husband, which further highlight her resilience and determination.



\*\*Airtel Payments Bank Collaborates With Park+ To Enable FASTag- Based Smart Parking Solution At Bhubaneswar Airport.



\*\* Paradip Port Authority (PPA) signed an MOU with NBCC (India) Ltd {National Buildings Construction Corporation } is a central public sector enterprise under the Indian Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for upgadation of buildings in its effort to provide state-of-the-art living facility to the employees, workers and residents of the locality.



#### 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

Q. An Odia-based news station, Odisha TV has unveiled India's first regional AI news anchor. What is the name of this AI news anchor?

- (a) Sophia
- (b) Lisa ←
- (c) Sana
- (d) Lira





• It's in handloom saree, will present news in Odia and English for OTV Network's television and digital platforms. OTV Managing Director Jagi Mangat Panda.

\*\*Odisha's Biju Janata Dal (BJD) received donation of Rs 692.609 crore between FY 2016-17 and 2021-22, which is the highest among all political parties, a report of the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR).



\*\*The Geological Survey of India's (GSI) state unit has discovered a magnificent "Natural Arch" located in the Kanika range of Sundargarh forest division. This geological marvel is believed to have originated during the Jurassic period. This oval-shaped arch has a length of 30 metres at the base and is 12 metre high.



\*\*PGI 2.0 released by Ministry of Education for the year 2021-22, Odisha has dropped to 24th spot from 10 rank. Khurdha district was in Atti Uttam Grade. Nabarangapur, Kandhamal, Boudh, Rayagada and Mayurbhanj were in prachesta-1 and remains in Uttam category. Chandigarh, Punjab and Delhi in top\_3.

\*\*Cabinet Clears Personal Data Protection Bill.
As per the provisions of the bill, if one's personal data is misused, it will entail a fine of up to Rs 500 crore. The bill also empowers users with the right to know which organisation wants to use his or her personal data.



\*\*1st Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav:





- The KIIT hosted the inaugural Janjatiya Khel Mahotsav, which has attracted around 5,000 indigenous athletes and 1,000 officials who represent 26 states.
- It is a joint endeavor of the Odisha Government and the Union Ministry of Culture.
- The event's opening ceremony was attended by former Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and the founder of KIIT and KISS, Dr Achyuta Samanta.
- Dr Samanta highlighted the event's exceptional nature, specifically its merger of sports and culture, tribal communities and sports, and the amalgamation of tradition and modernity.

#### ...mascot-Bheema

- 1. <mark>Odisha</mark>
- 2. Karnataka
- 3. <mark>Jharkhand</mark>

#### \*\*Odisha Journalism Award 2022:

- Six journalists from Odisha were conferred with Odisha Journalism Award 2022 for outstanding contribution to Indian journalism in print, electronic and web media.
- Pallibani Mission, a Delhi-based institution working for Odia literature and culture, announced the names.
- The recipients are Soumyajit Patnaik, Chief Editor of Kalinga TV, Durgashish Shish, Managing Editor of Argus News, Bhabani Sankar Tripathy, DGM News of Sambad, Manoranjan Joshi, Western Odisha Bureau Chief of OTV and Sudeep Kumar Rout, the Chief News Coordinator of Prameya.
- ... Sharada Lahangir will be the first recipient of the newly introduced 'Pratibha Patnaik Award for Excellence in Journalism'. The award has been instituted from this year and will be awarded exclusively to women journalists.
- ...ceremony held at India International Centre in New Delhi on July 22. Union Minister of Education and Skills Development, Dharmendra Pradhan was the chief guest. Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports Minister Anurag Thakur and Chairman of Patanjali Ayurved Acharya Balakrishna was also there.

\*\*OPSC launched a Al-driven portal on the occasion of its 75th foundation day. Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal launched the highly advanced e-CHAYAN portal of the OPSC at a function. The software has several advanced features like (Al) enabled photo verification to eliminate impersonation, digital mark extraction from certificates, API-based certificate verification and customised application forms.



\*\*Prof. (Dr) Suryaprakash Chowdhury of Neurology department of Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, was honoured with the fellowship of World Headache Society at its international conference held in Bengaluru.



\*\*Dharmendra Pradhan spoke to Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami for beautification of Uttarakashi Sri Jagannath Temple, which is located 4000 ft above sea level. It was brought to limelight by Ollywood star couple Sabyasachi Mishra and Archita.



\*\*Bhimkund in patna block of Keonjhar will be developed as a world class tourist spot.



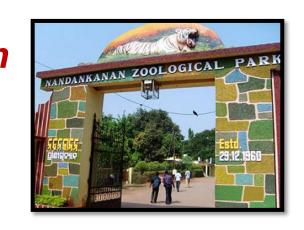
\*\*CM has approved the development plan aimed at transforming the Maa Budhi Thakurani Temple in Berhampur under the 5T initiative of the state government. The project will be carried out in two phases, with an estimated cost of Rs 18.91 crore.



\*\*CM sanctioned Rs 20 crore for the development and beautification of the famous Shaivite shrine in Gupteswar cave situated about 55 kilometres away from Jeypore town of Koraput, which is to be carried out without damaging its natural surroundings.



\*\*Odisha's first endoscopy unit for animals has been made functional at Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP). It has been approved a proposal to develop NZP as a world-class zoo.



\*\*Koraput district has won the state level quiz competition for the judicial officers of Odisha, while Gajapati and Sundargarh emerged first and second runners-up respectively. The Quiz competition was organised to celebrate the 75th year of establishment of the Orissa High Court.



\*\*Ollywood filmmaker/popular jatra director Trupti Ranjan Biswal passed away in a road accident.



\*\*The Odisha government has decided to provide one-time financial assistance of Rs 50,000 to needy ST/SC students from underprivileged backgrounds pursuing general degree courses in any govt. institution in the state from this year.



\*\* President Presents 'Bhoomi Samman' Award to Odisha In New Delhi:

 Odisha was presented "Bhoomi Samman" award as best state in implementing Digital India Land Record Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) of the Central government.



- President handed over the award to Odisha delegate in a function held in New Delhi.
- Odisha bagged the award as the best state for meeting all the parameters of DILRMP. Of the total 766 districts in the country, 68 districts won platinum award under six different categories. Those included 19 districts of Odisha.
- The Odisha districts that bagged the platinum award are Angul, Boudh, Bargarh, Bhadrak,
  Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Kendrapada, Keonjhar, Khurda,
  Koraput, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Nayagarh, Nuapada and Sambalpur.
- Odisha has emerged as a leading state in digitisation of land records under 5T initiative and Mo Sarkar programme of the state government. More than 13,000 land related cases have been resolved through virtual courts in the state. The government aims at extending DILRMP to all districts by March, 2024.

\*\* In last four years, ruling party government has approved projects worth Rs 46,000 crore for the water resources sector and committed to invest Rs 75,000 crore in next five years.



\*\*Vedanta Aluminium Supports TB Patients Across Odisha Under Ni-Kshay Mitra programme.

The company marks successful completion of the first phase of the program at Jharsuguda, aimed at supporting Government of India's 'TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan' campaign. "2030 is the global target to eradicate TB but India is now working on the target of ending TB by the year 2025.



#### \*\*Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana :





- ...CM announced that the insurance amount of the working journalists has been raised from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh under the government's Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana.
- ...The raise in the insurance cover will benefit 8,717 working journalists and their families in the state.
- ...Information and Public Relation department had announced financial assistance of Rs four lakh to the family of journalists in case of death.
- ...Besides, housing loan at 3% interest upto Rs 25 lakh, four-wheeler loan upto Rs 4 lakh and two-wheeler loan upto Rs 50,000 for the journalists



- State-run Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) paid a dividend of Rs 1420 crore to the state government for the financial year 2022-23.
- Steel, Mines & Works Minister Prafulla Kumar Mallik
- OMC, one of the largest iron ore producers in the country, recorded a turnover of Rs 14,450 crore during 2022-23. Having total 18 operational mines, the state-owned Corporation registered a total ore production of 33.76 million tonnes in the 2022-23 with 29.68 MT iron ore, 3 MT bauxite and 1.08 MT of chrome ore registering 14.9% growth over the previous financial year.
- MD Balwant Singh

\*\*KISS Wins International Green Gown Award 2023 For Project Uday:





- Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) has won the 2023 International Green Gown Award
  for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Sustainability. The prestigious award was presented at a
  ceremony as a part of the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. KISS
  was India's only NGO to be shortlisted for this distinguished category.
- Project Uday creating changemakers in tribal pockets.
- The International Green Gown Awards, supported by the United Nations Environment
  Programme, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), L'Agence Universitaire de la
  Francophonie (AUF), International Association of Universities (IAU), and the Higher Education
  Sustainability Initiative (HESI).

#### 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

- Q. With reference to the National multi-dimensional poverty Index (UNDP report), consider the following statements.
- 1. The rural areas in the India witnessed the fastest decline in poverty, from 32.59% (2015-16) to 19.28% (2019-21)
- 2. 135 million people escaped multidimensional poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21 in India. Which of the above statements are correct?
- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2 ←
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

\*\* NITI Aayog's 'National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023':

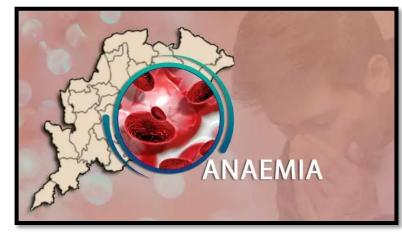
- 1<sup>st</sup> 2015-16, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019-2021
- three broad indicators of multidimensional poverty health, education, and standard of living, each comprising various sub-indicators.
- the average monthly income of a farmer in Odisha stood at Rs 5112 at present.
- India has lifted approximately 13.5 crore/135 million people out of multidimensional poverty in the same period. In 2015-16, one in four Indians (24.85 per cent) met the criteria for multidimensional poverty. By 2019-21, this percentage decreased to 14.96 per cent, = 9.89%.
- The rural areas of India experienced the fastest decline in poverty, with the poverty rate dropping from 32.59% to 19.28% between 2015-16 and 2019-21.
- In urban areas, the poverty rate reduced from 8.65% to 5.27% during the same period.
- Uttar Pradesh registered the highest decline with 3.43 crore, followed by Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan



- Odisha's Malkangiri district has the highest number of poor in the state while Puri has the lowest, revealed NITI
  Aayog's National Multidimensional Poverty Index.
- 45.01% population of Malkangiri belong to 'multidimensionally poor' category while the figure for Puri stands at 3.29%.
- Other districts having higher percentage of poor population are Rayagada (34.03), Koraput (33.54), Nabarangpur (33.45) and Mayurbhanj (30.57).
- Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Khurda, Cuttack, Ganjam, Nayagarh, Jharsuguda, Sonepur, Kendrapara and Balangir have poverty rate below 10 percent.
- The report further said that 62,62,852 people have been freed from poverty in Odisha between 2015-16 and 2019-21.
- During the period, the rate of poverty reduced from 29.34 percent to 15.68 percent in the state. In villages, the poverty reduced from 32.64 to 17.72 percent whereas in urban areas, the poverty rate decreased from 12.32 percent to 5.42 percent.

\*\*Odisha achieved significant improvement in Anaemia reduction: NFHS-5 Data:





...Significant improvement has been observed in the reduction of anaemia among children, adolescent girls and women in the state. It became possible due to implementation of the AMLAN-'Anaemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan' Programme in the state.

...According to National Family Health Survey -5 data, children age 6 to 59 months in the state was 64.2%, now it has reduced to 42.3% after the implementation of AMLAN.

...Adolescent girls – 10 to 19 years – 65.5% to 46.9%

Women of reproductive age group has decreased from 64.3% to 55.7%

\*\*37000 Rainwater harvesting projects in Urban Areas to be undertaken:



- Under the Housing & Urban Development Department
- Area to be covered urban local bodies (ULBs)111 ULBs of the State
- Under Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyaan (MUKTA).
- 'Catch The Rain Campaign'
- Mission Shakti Groups and Basti Bikash Sangathan will maintain the work.

\*\*CM approved the Khadag river basin project which will benefit 20,000 people of Boudh, Bolangir, and Kandhamal districts in the state. The project will be undertaken near Ladgaon village of Baliguda block at a cost of Rs.126 crore.

\*\*Transformation work of 6883 high schools in the state has been

completed in three phases. CM has directed to complete the transformation work in all 8654 government high schools of the state by December 2023. So the blue print for remaining 1771 high schools is ready for the fourth phase.



\*\*Odisha's Subit Biswal has been appointed manager of the East Zone squad for

the Deodhar Trophy, that held at Puducherry from July 24 to Aug 3. Odisha Ranji skipper Subhranshu Senapati's was in team.





\*\*Distinguished writer, secretary of Odisha Sahitya Akademi and an able administrator Prabodh Rout passed away.



\*\*1980 established zoo at Motijharan has been renamed as 'Sambalpur Zoo and Rescue Centre"



\*\*Kilimanjaro stands 5895 metres above sea level in Tanzania. Odisha mountaineer Anita Swain scaled Mt Kilimanjaro, highest peak of the African continent, on July 13.



\*\*CM inaugurated a Gymnastics High Performance Centre and a Hockey High Performance Centre at Kalinga Stadium.CM presented cheques of Rs 10 lakh each to Odia gymnasts Rakesh Patra and Tapan Mohanty for qualifying for the Asian Games 2023.



\*\*Odisha Sports Minister Inaugurates Professional Chess Training Academy 'PRO- CHESS –TA' at Bhubaneswar. It is also the first Chess Academy launched by a state government in India.



\*\*A UK-based company is planning to set up a semiconductor fabrication unit in Odisha's Ganjam district with an investment of Rs 30,000 crore in the first phase. The Indian unit of UK-based SRAM & MRAM Group, had signed an MoU with the state govt.

\*\*Odisha, 8 Other States Attain Enhanced Coal Production During 2022-23:

- India's highest ever coal production in 2022-23.
- The all India coal production during the year was 893.19
   Million Tonne (MT) (Provisional) in comparison to 778.21 MT in 2021-22 with a growth of about 14.77%.



- Rise in the production of coal has been reported in the states of Odisha, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in the year 2022-23 in comparison to the previous year.
- Fall in the production of coal has been reported in Jammu & Kashmir during the year in comparison to the previous year.

#### \*\*Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana:

- The Odisha government will provide interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh to Mission Shakti federation leaders and Community Support Staff (CSS) to buy scooters of their choice for better mobility.
- 75,000 Community Support Staff (CSS) comprising Community
   Resource Person, Master Book Keeper, Prani Mitra, Krushi Mitra, Bank Mitra, Livelihood Support Person, Udyag Mitra, Business Development Service Provider and Business Correspondent Agent will be benefitted under the scheme.
- Similarly, as many as 1,25,000 Mission Shakti federation leaders including executive members and office-bearers of panchayat and ward level federation, block level federation, city level federation and district level federation will also get benefits under the initiative.
- The state government has planned to spend Rs 528. 55 crore on the scheme in the next five years.

\*\*Sambalpur district administration bans large religious processions for one year.

\*\*Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) is the top coal producing subsidiary of Coal India Ltd (CIL). MCL contributed 193 MT to CIL's 703 million tonne coal production in FY23.

Naveen Patnaik became 2nd Longest-Serving Chief Minister In India on July 21. He surpassed late Jyoti Basu to set the record, who served as the CM of West Bengal for 23 years and 138 days. Former Sikkim CM Pawan Kumar Chamling holds the record of longest serving Chief Minister with 24 years and 166 days.

A five-time Odisha CM, has served as the Chief Minister from 2000, 2004, 2009, 2014 and 2019 from Hinjili constituency.



\*\*Odisha's Swetasini Sabar represented India in the women's softball competition at the Asian Games in Chinese city of Hangzhou, from September 23 to October 8. Softball debuted as a medal sport at the Tokyo Olympics and will also feature at the 2028 Los Angeles Games.



\*\*The Class IX, 15 year old Sohini Mohanty of KIIT International School has won the U-18 singles and doubles crowns in the AITA National Series championship in Haryana's Jhajjar. In February, Sohini scripted history when she teamed up with Aradhya Verma to clinch the doubles gold at the Khelo India Youth Games in MP.



#### \*\*Geoscientist Award for 2022 in 3 category:

Odia scientist Amiya Kumar Samal has been conferred with the prestigious National Young Geoscientist Award for 2022. Samal was selected for the award for his contributions in the field of igneous petrology and geochemistry in general and mafic dyken.



- igneous petrology and geochemistry in general and mafic dyke swarms of Indian shield. Samal has made significant contribution in understanding the variation of sub-continental lithospheric mantle (SCLM) below different archean cratons of the Indian shield.
- Award is given to a person under the age of 35 who has performed exceptionally well in any field of geosciences.
- The National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement was conferred upon Dr Om Narain Bhargava, known for his pioneering work in the Himalayas spanning over the last four decades.
- Instituted in 1966, the National Geoscience Awards (NGA) is a symbol of recognition and appreciation for exceptional individuals and organizations that have demonstrated excellence, dedication and innovation in the realm of Geosciences.

\*\*The Odisha Cabinet recommended a proposal for inclusion of 'Kui' language in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. At least 7 lakh people of Kondh tribe in Odisha will be benefitted by the inclusion, earlier a proposal for inclusion of 'Saora' language.



\*\*Kishore Jena bagged gold medal at colombo, Sri Lanka National Athletics Championship, he did with a personal best effort of 84.38 metres. Kishore has won gold in Lebanon earlier this July month with an effort of 78.96m. The other Indian athlete to have crossed the 85m barrier is Shivpal Singh, whose career best is 86.23. Neeraj won the Tokyo Olympics gold two years ago with a throw of 87



the Tokyo Olympics gold two years ago with a throw of 87.58m, while his personal best is 89.94m.

\*\*Tiger Population in Odisha Declines: Census:

■ The estimated tiger population in Odisha is now 20 (ranging between 17-24) from the previous figure of 28 (ranging between 26-30) in 2018 released by the Centre on the occasion of International Tiger Day.

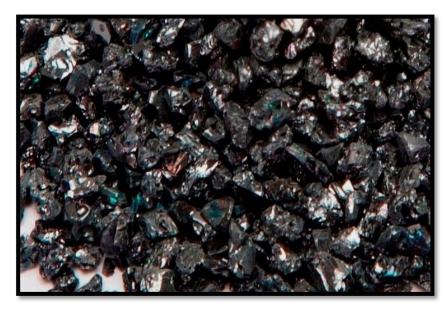


- The report is based on the tiger census conducted across the country by the Centre in 2021-22.
- Big cat population at Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) has gone up to 16 from the previous estimated figure of 8 in 2018. Similipal has been recognized as one of the 12 best managed tiger reserves in India.

Global HDI PCB(High Density Printed Circuit Board) Manufacturing Inc. expressed his intent to set up an HDI-PCB manufacturing facility in the state with a cumulative investment of approximately Rs 4,360 crore (530 million USD) over a period of seven years. An estimated 3,500 jobs would be generated.



In first-of-its kind, US-based Silicon Power Group is all set to open silicon carbide (SiC), a semiconductor base material, manufacturing unit in Odisha. The 150mm silicon carbide manufacturing facility is proposed to be set up by the Silicon Power Group's Indian subsidiary with an investment of Rs 1,000 crore.



#### \*\*Silicon Valley & Odisha:

- On July 21, the Cabinet approved Odisha Semiconductor Manufacturing & Fabless Policy to facilitate investors to enter into manufacturing of Semiconductor/Electronic Chips in Odisha.
- The policy also aims at making Odisha a hub for semiconductor. At least one semiconductor manufacturing unit and around 100 fabless design companies is expected to be established in Odisha generating around 5,000 direct employment and 20,000 indirect employment during
- policy period of seven years
   Silicon Valley, in the southern San Francisco Bay Area of
- California, is home to many start-up and global technology companies. Apple, Facebook and Google are among the most prominent.
- A delegation of Odisha govet went on a tour to USA, held discussions with senior leadership of semiconductor companies and Venture Capital firms, attended a major deep-tech roundtable and interacted with the youths of the Silicon Valley.

\*\*Odisha delegation in USA lays foundation for Grand Jagannath Temple

Complex, Cultural Centre At Silicon Valley:



- The delegation led by Electronics and IT Minister Tushar Kanti Behera is in USA to join the Odia diaspora in their endeavour to strengthen the socio-economic and cultural ties between the USA and Odisha. Development Commissioner Anu Garg, Secretary to CM (5T) VK Pandian, E&IT deptt Principal Secretary Manoj Mishra attended the programme.
- The delegation went to a new site where the foundation was laid for the grand Sri Jagannath temple complex and cultural centre on 9-acre land.

\*\*Odisha inks MoU With University Of California to enhance research

ecosystem, Train 1000 Researchers:



- The delegation visited the University of California (UC) in Berkeley.
- A MoU was concluded between the Government of Odisha and UC Berkeley highlighting cooperation in areas of research, impact assessment of schemes, entrepreneurship, and exchange of academic publications.

\*\*Global Chip design leader Synopsys announced Bhubaneswar Centre:

 One of the global leaders in Electronics Design and Automation (EDA) with a presence in over 25 countries, announced its plans to set up a Bhubaneswar-based design-centered facility.



- Whose products include tools for logic synthesis and physical design of ICs, simulators for development.
- The establishment of this chip design centre will give a huge boost to Odisha's semiconductor ambitions, strengthening the ecosystem and facilitating greater industry readiness in the workforce.

\*\*Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair :



- Discussions was on economic development and growth of Odisha and the future perspectives.
- An MoU was signed between Odisha government and Tony Blair Institute of Global Change (TBI) on July 21.
- As per the agreement, the institute will provide advisory support to the state government to realize its overall economic agenda.
- The London-based institute is now providing advisory support to 45 countries across the Globe to help the governments turn ideas into reality. The institute has specialization in governance, foreign policy, investment, urban infrastructure, climate, energy and human capital.
- Tony Blair was the Prime Minister of United Kingdom (UK) from 1997 to 2007.

#### \*\*President's Visit (July 25 to 27, 2023):



- President Droupadi Murmu laid foundation stone for 'Divine Light House' of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya at Dasabatia, Tamando on the outskirts of Odisha capital & launched its theme of the year "The Year of Positive Change" for conducting seminars and conferences.
- President graced the 10th convocation of National Law University Odisha in Cuttack. The motto 'Satye Sthito Dharmah' of the National Law University Odisha, which means 'Dharma is firmly rooted in Satya or Truth'.
- Orissa High Court Delivers Verdict In Odia To Mark 75 Years Of Its Establishment. (Platinum Jubilee) till now, State has 84 paperless courts.
- President completed one year on July 25, 2023

\*\*Odisha received Rs 23,120 Crore Under DMF by June 30 this year.:

Union Minister of Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi at Rajya
 Sabha revealed that Odisha received funds of Rs 5,237.58 Cr



under District Mineral Foundation from coal/lignite, Rs 17,755.20 crore from major minerals other than coal and lignite and Rs 127.21 crore from minor minerals.

Out of the allocated funds, the state has spent Rs 13,478 crore on various projects till June 30 this year.

\*\*Odisha former Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal has appointed Dr. Ashish Ghosh as the Director of the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Bhubaneswar for five years.



\*\*Sambalpur DFO Vishwanath Nilamvar achieved a remarkable feat by reaching Umling La, which is World's Highest Motorable Pass, on a bicycle, Covering a distance of 550 km, the IFS official reached Umling La Pass in Ladakh, at an altitude of 19,024 ft or 5798 mtre. He is said to be the first IFS officer from Odisha to achieve the feat in Himalaya.



\*\*Two Hoolock Gibbons and two Leopard Cats. The four animals were brought from the Itanagar Biological Park in AP under an animal exchange programme. The NZP will hand over two tigers namely Rocky and Sohini to Itanagar Zoo. NZP is a 437-hectare



(1,080-acre) zoo and botanical garden in Odisha. Established in 1960, it was opened to the public in 1979 and became the first zoo in India to join the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) in 2009.

\*\*Eastern India's first vehicle scrapping unit has opened at Kumarbast in Khurda district with support from Tata Motors. Commerce and Transport Minister Tukuni Sahu.



\*\*The 2022–23 Senior Women's National Football Championship, also known as Hero Senior Women's National Football Championship, was the 27th edition. Hosted by Punjab. Tamil Nadu, won their second title after beating Haryana in the final. Odisha was defeated by Haryana in semifinal.

\*\*Odisha's much adorable Sambalpuri handloom products are likely to get Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This was revealed by Textile Commissioner of India Roop Rashi during an event in Sambalpur



\*\*An Odia documentary titled 'The Sea & Seven Villages' by noted director Himansu Khatua has been nominated for the 'Long Documentary Competition' category of the 15th International Documentary and Short Film Festival (IDSFFK) which held in Kerala in Aug. It says about climate change and its impact on Satabhaya.



\*\*The much-awaited air cargo services will commence from Bhubaneswar airport by September this year. IndiGo cargo has been approached to facilitate air cargo services at the BPIA.



\*\*Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) in Odisha would surpass its annual production target of 204 million tonne for financial year 2023-24. PM Prasad, Chairman of Coal India Limited



\*\*The Centre has designated Law Secretary Niten
Chandra, a 1990-batch Odisha cadre Indian
Administrative Service (IAS) officer, as in-charge of
Central Agency Section in Department of Legal Affairs.



\*\*Odisha Tourism conducted a strategic meeting with key tourism industry stakeholders of Singapore in their international tourism promotion campaign .The officials ofOdisha, led by Minister Tourism Aswini Kumar Patra, held discussions with the members of National Associations of Travel Agents Singapore (NATAS) to further partnerships and collaborations within the tourism industry.



\*\*A mega roadshow of Odisha Tourism with FICCI organised at Hanoi, Vietnam, to attract tourists from the South-east Asia region became a success. (28,July)

\*\*After the direct flight connectivity with Thailand (Siam), Odisha Tourism with Ficci conducted its second leg of international tourism promotional campaign with a roadshow in Bangkok. India's Ambassador to Thailand Nagesh Singh. (26,July)



\*\*The Tourism Dept of Odisha in association with FICCI organised an event for the Odia diaspora in Bay Area of California, US.



\*\*Dharmendra Pradhan met Nick Clegg, President, Global Affairs, Meta, in New Delhi and held discussion regarding use of the company's technology in skill development of Odisha's youth.



\*\*The state government will set up 11 comprehensive cancer care units at various health facilities in Odisha within two years & approved a budget of Rs 1001.14 crore for expanding comprehensive cancer care services across the state



Q. Which state government launched interest free crop loan up to Rs 1 Lakh?

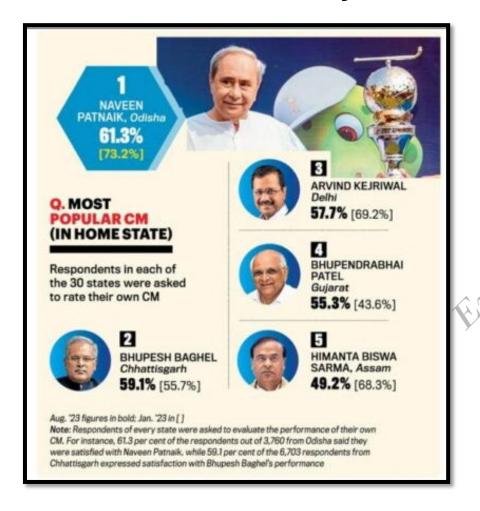
- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Odisha ←
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Bihar

• The Cabinet meet chaired by CM Naveen Patnaik decided to charge 2% interest for crop loans above Rs.1 lakh to Rs.3 lakh

# Ausperint States

#### \*\*Naveen Most Popular Chief Minister In Home State:

Mood of the Nation survey conducted by 'India Today' media group.



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YOGI ADITYANATH Q. MOST POPULAR CM **Uttar Pradesh** (ACROSS INDIA) 43% Respondents across 30 states were asked who they think is the country's best-performing CM M.K. STALIN ARVIND Tamil Nadu **KEJRIWAL** 5.6% Delhi 19% [16%] [4.6%]**NAVEEN** MAMATA BANERJEE **PATNAIK** Odisha West Bengal **3%** [3.4%] 8.8% [7.3%]

Q. Which of the following categories of workers were included in the first phase of the expanded Odisha Unorganised Worker's Social Security Board (OUWSSB)?

- A. Street vendors, small traders, domestic workers—
- B. Railway potters, restaurant workers, vegetable vendors
- C. Photographers and videographers, assistants in grocery shops
- D. Tour guides, musicians, painters
  - ^In the first phase, categories like street vendors, small traders, domestic workers, rickshaw pullers, auto drivers, cobblers, agricultural workers, forest workers, newspaper hawkers, and sanitation workers were registered under the Odisha Unorganised Worker's Social Security Board.

Q. What is the assistance amount provided to the families of deceased unorganised workers under the Social Security Scheme in Odisha after the recent updation of the scheme?

- A. Rs. 1 lakh
- B. Rs. 2 lakh
- C. Rs. 3 lakh
- D. Rs. 4 lakh ←
- Odisha Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board Welfare Scheme.
- In case of accidental death, the assistance amount has been raised from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 4 lakh.
- Natural deaths, the assistance amount has been hiked from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh.
- Since its inception in May 2017, the Odisha Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board Welfare Scheme has been benefiting approximately 3.65 lakh registered workers from 10 categories. However, with the inclusion of 50 more categories of unorganized workers, the scheme is set to extend its reach and impact even more lives, fostering a safer and more secure working environment for the labour force in the state.

Q. Which state government will soon launch 'Mo Jungle Jami Yojana' to saturate recognition of rights pertaining to the Forest Rights Act (FRA)?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha —
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
  - for indigenous people of the state to ensure individual and community rights over forest land for eligible beneficiaries.
  - All welfare activities of the government will be linked to the scheme to create stability in the livelihoods of tribal people.
  - The scheme was launched on World Indigenous Peoples Day on August 9

\*\*Odia Journalism Day: Celebrating 157 years of its journey



... in 1866, 'Utkala Deepika' is regarded as the first Odia newspaper. The weekly publication was started by Gouri Shankar Ray and Babu Bichitrananda Das. To mark this momentous event, August 4 is also celebrated as Odia Journalism Day in the state.

...Bichitrananda Das established the Cuttack Printing Press in 1866 and 'Utkala Deepika', edited by Gouri Shankar Ray, was published from there. Ray continued to be the editor of the publication till his death in 1917.

...Though 'Utkala Deepika' is popularly accepted to be the first Odia newspaper, the publication of 'Kujibara Patrika', which was published by Sadhu Sundar Das, a saint, predated it. Its publication started in 1837. In 1861, five years before the catastrophic famine of Odisha of 1866, the first Odia magazine 'Bodha Dayini' was published from Balasore. The main object of this magazine was to spread the Odia literature and to point out the administrative lapses.



- Odisha-born cinematographer Piyush Puty was honoured at Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) for Manoj Bajpayee headliner 'Joram'
- Two awards at the festival with Manoj creating history again by becoming the first Indian actor to win the 'Best Actor' trophy at Durban and Piyush bagging the award for 'Best Cinematography.

\*\*PM Modi lays Foundation Stone for Upgradation Of Odisha's 57 Railway

Stations:

...Redevelopment of 508 railway stations across the country, of which 25 are from Odisha in first phase..

...The railway stations will be upgraded under Amrit Bharat Station scheme at a cost of over Rs 24,470 Crore.

- ...The upgradation work will be completed within a period of two years.
- ...In the first phase, 25 railway stations under East Coast Railway (ECoR) have been selected
- ...The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme was launched to redevelop 1309 stations across the country.

\*\*Justice Talapatra became the 33rd Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court, succeeding Dr. Justice S. Muralidhar who retired on 8 Aug. He was transferred as Judge of Orissa High Court from Tripura High Court on 1 June 2022. He had taken oath as the Judge of Orissa High Court on 10 June 2022.



\*\* Odisha Health and Family Welfare department has planned to strengthen routine immunization among the babies across the state to eliminate Measles, Rubella by December 2023. Both are contagious viral infections can be easily prevented through vaccination. The state govt provides free vaccination for the babies to eliminate the two diseases.



\*\*Odisha adds 4.13 Lakh new beneficiaries Under Madhu Babu Pension Scheme:



- With this, the target of Madhu Babu Pension Yojana has been enhanced to 32.75 lakh. Earlier 28.61 lakh beneficiaries were getting benefits under the scheme.
- All the newly sanctioned beneficiaries will get their first pension amount on 15th August, 2023
  on JANASEVA DIWAS at the Gram Panchayat headquarters or Ward Offices in the presence of
  elected representatives.
- Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY) at Rs. 500/-, Rs. 700/- and Rs. 900/- per month.

#### \*\*Madhu Babu Pension Yojna:

- In January 2008, State Government merged two old schemes, namely, Revised Old Age Pension Rules, 1989 Et Disability Pension Rules, 1985 and introduced the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana Rules, 2008.
- Beneficiaries such as older persons, widows, persons with disabilities, unmarried women, cured leprosy patients, AIDS patients identified by OSACS, divorcee/destitute, transgender persons, widows, orphan children of COVID affected families and other vulnerable people are covered under this scheme.
- In MBPY, between the age group 0-79 years, beneficiaries of different categories get pension Rs. 500/- per month whereas beneficiaries of the age 80 years and above receive Rs. 700/- per month.
- under this scheme beneficiaries with 40-59% disability receive Rs. 500/- per month and beneficiaries with 60% and above disability receive Rs. 700/- per month; whereas beneficiaries with 60% and above disability and aged 80 years and above receive Rs. 900/- per month.

#### Madhu Babu Pension Yojna Eligibility:

- i. is of 60 years of age and above
- ii. Or, is a widow (irrespective of age)
- iii. Or, is a leprosy patient with visible signs of deformity (irrespective of age).
- iv. Or, is a person of 0 years of age or, above and unable to do normal work due to his/her deformity or disability being blind or, orthopedically handicapped or, mentally retarded or, with cerebral palsy.
- v. Or, a widow of AIDS patient (irrespective of age and income criteria mentioned under Rule 6(b).
- vi. Or, an AIDS patient identified by the State / District AIDS Control Society
- vii. has family income from all sources not exceeding Rs.24,000/- per annum
- viii. Is a permanent resident / domicile of Odisha.
- ix. Is not in receipt of any other pension from the union Government or the state government or any organization aided by either Government.

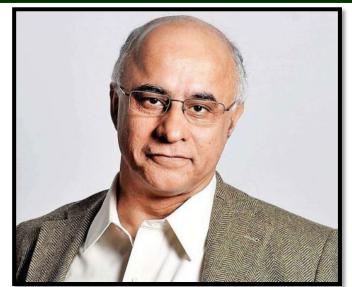
Q. Which Bank has partnered with the state government for Odisha Tourism development corporation to ramp up the state tourism department's payment solution?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. IndusInd Bank
- D. Bandhan Bank —

\*\*Surjit Bhujabal from Odisha has been appointed as member of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC).



\*\*Subroto Bagchi as the chief advisor to Odisha government for institutional capacity building across all civil services training institutions of the state. He has been given the rank and status of a Cabinet Minister. Earlier, Bagchi had served as the chairman of Odisha Skill development Authority.



\*\*The tenure of OPSC Chairman Satyajit Mohanty ended on August 2. "On attaining the age of 62 years, the former IPS officer Mohanty was appointed as the OPSC Chairman in February 2021. Odisha govt. allowed present Member of OPSC Sanat Kumar Mohanty to remain in charge after the term of its Chairman came to an end.



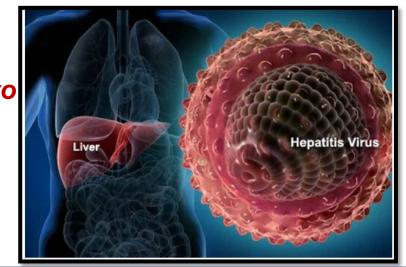
\*\* Jharkhand will become the highest-earning MLAs in the country with a monthly salary and allowances of Rs 2.88 lakh. Presently, the MLAs of Telangana get a maximum amount of Rs 2.50 lakh per month.



\*\*Rakshyakar Bhoi, a farmer and teacher in Odisha's Kalahandi district claims that he has grown 'Miyazaki', the world's most expensive variety of mango in his orchard. Miyazaki mango costs Rs 2.5 lakh to 3 lakh per kg in the international market for its unique taste and food value which is a Japanese variety of mango.



\*\*The Odisha government on 4 august, declared Hepatitis "B" and Hepatitis "C" as notifiable diseases with immediate effect. These two are blood borne and transmissible viral diseases, While Hepatitis-C is curable if treated on time for three months, Hepatitis-B requires lifelong treatment. Both the diseases can give rise to liver damage and liver cancer, if they remain undiagnosed and untreated





- Union Home Minister Amit Shah dedicated a mega NH project connecting Kamakhyanagar to Duburi
- He said that in 2014-15, only 12 km of national highway were constructed each day in India, which was increased to 29 km per day in the year 2020-22.
- Odisha had got Rs 1.14 lakh crore.
- In total funding to Odisha, the amount has been enhanced from Rs 3 lakh crore to Rs 18 lakh crore.



- In order to combat the problem of intestinal worms among women of reproductive age and children, the Odisha government with UNICEF launched deworming campaign across state on August 10. It will help 1 crore.
- This year's target group of National Deworming Day (NDD) are children aged between 1 and 19 years and women of reproductive age of 20 to 24 years. However, those who are not pregnant or lactating will be excluded. The doses will be distributed twice in a year in February and August.
- The children in the age group of 1–19 years will be distributed Albendazole tablets.

\*\*National handloom day: 7 August



- A large number of Indian-origin women from Odisha, dressed in their handloom attires took
  part in a 'Saree Walkathon', which was organised in UK on the occasion of National Handloom
  Day. About 700 participants including women from other states danced on London streets.
- The mega event was organised by a not-for-profit group called 'British Women in Sarees'. It
  witnessed women participants from several states of India. The streets of London became alive
  as the women danced to the tune of the popular Odia number 'Rangabati Rangabati'.

\*\*"The country's first woman martyr was from Odisha," Pari Bewa who died during a protest at Eram village in Bhadrak district. A woman who fell to British bullets during a protest in the state on 28 September 1942.

\*\*India has a high maternal mortality ratio (MMR) of 97 per 1 lakh live births, and that of Odisha is 119 as per sample registration system (SRS) 2018- 20. According to a survey in Burla Sambalpur.

\*\*Naveen Patnaik approved 30% hike in daily diet:



- To improve the patient care delivery system in Odisha, CM approved a 30 per cent increase in the daily diet allowance given to indoor patients admitted to state-run hospitals.
- The daily diet allowance per bed in hospitals has been increased from Rs 85 to Rs 110 per day.
   Similarly, the daily diet allowance has been hiked to Rs 95 from Rs 75 for in-patients (children), from Rs 95 to Rs 120 for high nutrition food, from Rs 75 to Rs 95 for dry food and from Rs 85 to Rs 110 for liquid diet.
- This will be applicable to 618 government hospitals across the state. While the decision will benefit more than 42 lakh patients, it will cost the state exchequer Rs 64 crore annually.

\*\*Rs 150 Cr modernisation plan for Forensic Science Services Organisation:

ad Experience



- Aim to strengthen criminal justice system in the state.
- This scheme, to be known as 'Modernisation of Forensic Science Services Organisation, Odisha', will be implemented in a period of 5 years from 2023-24 to 2027-28.
- For expeditious disposal of cases, strengthening of forensic laboratories at state, regional and district levels, improvement of scientific investigation, use of modern technology and strengthening of prosecution to enhance conviction rate.



A team of 17 mountaineers with five from Odisha are participating in the expedition to Mt Elbrus in southern Russia. The team is led by Nilachal Parida. Other mountaineers from Odisha include Chinmay Singh, Srikanta Khuntia, Ranjit Bira and Aditya Prasad Khadaga.

\*\*Odisha's First Modern Aahaar Kendra:



- Launched April 1, 2015
- The first Modern Aahaar Kendra of Odisha came up at the Cuttack Netaji Bus Terminal (CNBT).
- Built by the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) with Rs 1.8 crore, the centrally airconditioned Aahaar Kendra spans across 5,800 square feet and has the capacity to accommodate up to 1,000 persons at a time.
- The center will provide breakfast and evening snacks. The food items will be prepared by Maa Tarini Self Help Group (SHG)
- The center will be equipped with amenities like refrigeration and freezer units, as well as a heater for milk boiling. In addition, a book rack showcasing various magazines and newspapers will be available for visitors. The center also incorporates 'hot plates' to ensure that food remains warm.

\*\*Odisha Govt extended deadline for its employees to apply for family pension:

- The Govt. extended the benefits of family pension to all eligible employees covered under National Pension Scheme (NPS) upon their in-service death.
- The existing government employees covered under NPS had been given the option to avail the benefit by May 10, 2023. But it has come to the notice of the government that some employees in service could not submit their option within the stipulated period.
- Considering this, the government has decided to extend the timeline for one more year i, upto May 10, 2024 for the serving government employees to exercise their option for availing the benefits of family pension under NPS

\*\* Odisha government has appointed Siba Prasad Samantaray as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bhubaneswar Metro Rail Corporation (BMRC) for a period of one year.



\*\*Paradip Port in Odisha achieved a major milestone by clocking a record cargo throughput of 50.16 MMT Cargo on 8th August, 2023, by exhibiting 6.5% growth over the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. Shri P.L. Haranadh, Chairman

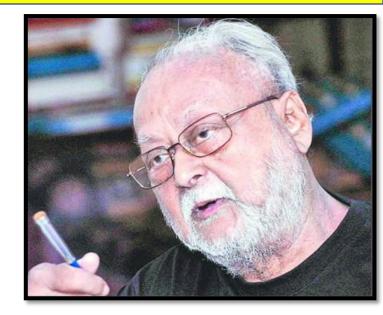


#### \*\*Poet Jayanta Mahapatra passed away :

- Author and poet Padmashree Jayanta Mahapatra
- Both English and Odia literature.



- He returned the award in 2015 protesting against the much-debated and rising intolerance in the country.
- Mahapatra had authored poems like Indian Summer and 'Hunger'. He is the first Indian poet to win the Sahitya Akademi Award for English poetry.



\*\*ISAC India Smart Cities Awards Contest 2022:

- The Odisha capital has received the Best Smart City award at the India Smart Cities Awards Contest-2022.
- The Odisha capital won the award in East Zone category having less than 10 lakh population.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) announced as many as 64 awards under the India Smart Cities Award Contest-2022.
- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Madhya Pradesh received the Best State Award (7 cities doing well) while Chandigarh bagged the Best Union Territory award(initiatives like 'Cycle 4 Change' and 'Walkable City').



#### \*\* Biju Patnaik Sports Awards: on 29 Aug

...On National Sports Day, celebrated annually on the birth anniversary of the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, Odisha recognised and honoured outstanding contributions to sports and games.

- Cyclist Swasti Singh (Rs 2 lakh)
- Hockey Coach Peter Tirkey and Football Coach Rajendra Prasad Singh were conferred with the lifetime achievement award(Rs 3 Lakh)
- Coach Pradeep Kumar Sarangi and Sports Journalist Ajay Kumar Das were felicitated with the Biju Patnaik Sports Award for Excellence in Coaching and Biju Patnaik Award for Excellence in Sports Journalism, respectively.(1 lakh)
- Para badminton player, Deep Ranjan Bisoyee was named the Best Para Sportsperson of the year
- Sabita Toppo, as the Best Upcoming Athlete
- Brigadier Bibhu Bhushan Nayak was felicitated with Rs 1 Lakh in recognition to his contribution to the sporting ecosystem.

...Late Saroj Kumar Das, and Late Sudarshan Swain have displayed remarkable courage and valour in the most challenging circumstances, serving as shining examples of bravery for our society. Chief Minister Patnaik honoured their sacrifice with the Bravery Awards, which was received by their family members.

A total of 388 athletes who have received 899 cash awards amounting to ₹2,02,30,000.



\*\*West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar experience most polluted winter in three years:

CSE report:



- The average PM2.5 level from October 1, 2022 to Feb 28, 2023 across nine cities of east India with functional monitoring stations was 97 micrograms per cubic metre (μg/m³), according to the annual winter pollution report by Delhi-based non-profit Centre for Science and Environment. This is 6 per cent higher than the average of the previous three winters. The daily peak of the season was recorded on January 1, 2023 and the daily regional average was 173 μg/m³, the data showed. The peak was 24 per cent higher compared to the peak of the 2021-22 winter and 8 per cent higher than the mean peak of the previous three winters.
- ...Haldia in West Bengal was the least polluted city among the three states. In Odisha, Talcher (75 ug/m³) was the most polluted. Bihar had the worst air quality in the region during these five months

\*\*Road Mishaps down by 7.56 % in Odisha: STA

- State Transport Authority (STA)
- Odisha has registered negative growth in road accidents and fatalities in the second quarter of 2023 as compared to the corresponding period of 2022. While road accidents have come down by 7.56%, the fatalities have decreased by 6.24% in Odisha.



- ...Total of 2,572 people were injured in road accidents in the second quarter of this year against 2,871 injuries during the same period in 2022.
- ...The Transport department in collaboration with Odisha Police is observing every Tuesday as zero tolerance day against traffic rule violations. Odisha observes 'Zero Fatality Week' from April 1 to 7 as part of an intensified awareness campaign to reduce road accident deaths. There was 33.15 per cent decrease in accidents and 15 per cent decrease in fatalities during the Zero Fatality Week this year as compared to the same period of last year.



#### \*\* Odisha Scientists In Chandrayaan-3 Mission:

...Engineer Atal Krushna Khatua of Keonjhar town, who has been working with the ISRO for more than 10 years, was involved in the ambitious mission. He was entrusted with the task of producing and supplying liquid engine in cryogenic stage. The scientist worked towards ensuring the safety of the spacecraft amid varying temperatures with the thermal protection system.

...Nagaraju Kakinada of Berhampur was also a part of the Chandrayaan-3 mission. A scientist at the ISRO, he has been working with the agency for the last six years. Debasish Mohapartra from Berhampur. Sarat Kumar Das of Talcher was looking after the crucial electronics component of the mission. Jayant Kumar Haldar from Malkangiri

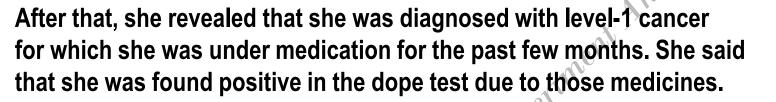


\*\*Subhasish Nayak, a resident of Mukundapur village in Kendrapada district, 28-Yr-Old Technician From Odisha In ISRO Team For Chandrayaan-3.



\*\* Fastest sprinter of the country Dutee Chand:

... she failed in the dope test for selective androgen receptor modulators. she was banned from all national and international competitions following a dope test for 4 years from January 3, 2023.





- ...NADA(National Anti-Doping Agency) comes under ministry of sports
- ...Formation 24 November 2005 (Purpose-Anti-doping in sports)
- ...Work to protect the health of athletes and ensure the spirit of fair play by preventing the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

\*\*CM Inaugurates Premiere Of Documentary Film 'India's Game' at the

Convention Centre, Lok Seva Bhawan:



... On the occasion of Independence Day, Sports & Youth Services Department, Government of Odisha, in partnership with Hockey India, premiered the documentary film 'India's Game', a compelling

account of a sports team that united the nation and ignited the flame of national pride.

...This film is a tribute to the spirit of hockey and Indian nationalism.

...The documentary, created by Level Films UK.

...The premiere was attended by hockey legends Gurbux Singh, Harbinder Singh and also current Indian hockey stars Rani Rampal, Manpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas as well as Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey among several other international hockey players from the state.

\*\* Suraj Awards:



... CM presented awards to the family members of the recipients of Suraj Award on the occasion of World Organ Donation Day and felicitated the volunteers, institutions and response forces for their support during Bahanaga train tragedy.

- ... Their vital organs were to save precious human lives. The family members of Suraj Award winners received a cash award of Rs 5 lakh each.
- ...Late Master Sudhanshu Sekhar Lenka of jagatsinghpur, Late Tanuja Kar of Cuttack and Late Prasenjit Mohanty of BBSR.

World organ Donor day – 13 aug

#### \*\*ECoR To Install Intrusion Detection System To Check Train-Elephant Collision:

...East Coast Railway (ECoR) has adopted an innovative step to check elephant deaths on rail lines under its jurisdiction, especially in the locations in Khurda Road & Sambalpur Railway Divisions. ...The Ministry of Railways has sanctioned Rs 79.12 crore to the ECoR for installing IDS at sensitive locations of elephant passing zones and elephant corridors.



...In the first phase, the project would be implemented at six railway sections consisting of 200 Km stretch under Sambalpur and Khurda Road Railway Divisions of ECoR.

...This Pilot project had been installed in Northeast frontier Railway then in Assam & North Bengal. It became successful.

...The IDS will help detect wild elephants approaching the railway tracks and alert railway officials to take immediate steps to avert any mishap. The optical fibres will be used as sensors to identify movements of wild animals at locations and alert Control Offices, Station Masters, Gateman and Loco Pilots. It uses a fibre optic-based acoustic system working on the principle of scattering phenomenon to sense the real-time presence of elephants on the track. The Intrusion Detection System can monitor unusual movements up to a stretch of 60 km. IDS will also help detect rail fracture, trespassing on railway track and unauthorised digging near railway tracks.

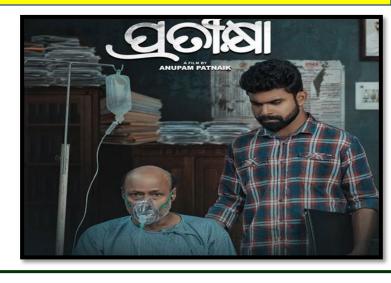
#### \*\*Sports Minister felicitated 3 Ironmen Of Odisha:

- Three Ironman title holders of Odisha, who have conquered the challenging world of triathlon, namely Soubhagya Rath, Ranjan Kumar Sahoo and Bijaya Kumar Das.
- Soubhagya Kumar Rath achieved the Ironman title in 2019 and 2022 in Hamburg and Kazakhstan respectively and climbed Mount Elbrus recently in 2023. Bijaya Kumar Das achieved the Ironman title in 2022 and Ranjan Kumar Sahoo in 2023.



...An Ironman triathlon is a gruelling test of endurance, consisting of a 2.4-mile (3.86 km) swim, a 112-mile (180.25 km) bike ride and a 26.2-mile (42.20 km) marathon run, all to be completed in a sequence and within a set time frame.

\*\*Best Odia feature film at the 69th National Film Awards "Pratikshya", which was produced under the banner of Amiya Patnaik Productions. The movie, directed by Anupam Patnaik, was released last year.(1,00,000)(written by Rosan Bisoi). A special screening of popular Odia movie 'Prateekshya' was held in Ireland too.



\*\*Odia youth Sidharth Routray scaled Mount Kosciuszko on August 19. it is mainland Australia's tallest mountain at 2,228 metres (7,310 ft) above sea level. Sidharth marked his completion of Seven Summit.



\*\*India defeated Thailand in the final on August 28 to win the inaugural Women's Asian Hockey 5s World Cup Qualifier and thus, qualified for the inaugural edition of the Hockey 5s World Cup to be held in Muscat, Oman from January 24-27 next year. Odisha duo Dipi Monika Toppo and Mariana Kujur.(25-28 aug)



\*\*Mountaineer Soubhagya Kumar Rath of Odisha scaled Mount Elbrus, the highest mountain peak in Europe. Rath, a resident of Nayagarh district, reached the top of Mount Elbrus (18,510 ft/5,642 metre), located in Russia at 11.10 am.

\*\*A 102-member team of Odisha Skating Academy registered its name in three Books of Records after five hours of non-stop roller skating relay marathon held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, on the occasion of 77th Independence Day. The feat was achieved in Asia Pacific Records, Extreme Records and National Records.



\*\*Veteran freedom fighter Makar Charan Das passed away. Das hailed from Kendrapara district. On a call given by Mahatma Gandhi, he joined the freedom movement against the British empire.



\*\*Odisha former Governor and Chancellor Prof. Ganeshi Lal appointed Prof. Sabita Pradhan as the first Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Odia University, Satyabadi, Puri.



\*\*Kapileshwar temple has been declared as an ancient monument of national importance by the Centre. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will take care of the conservation work. It is located in the Old Town area of Odisha capital.



\*\*The Collegium of Supreme Court recommended the names of two candidates for appointment as Judges of the High Court of Orissa namely Advocate Sibo Sankar Mishra and Judicial Officer Ananda Chandra Behera.



\*\*Dhinidhi Desinghu(13) of Karnataka came up with a sensational swim in the 100m freestyle for group II girls to recreate the national record at the 39th Sub Junior and 49th Junior National Aquatic Championships 2023 organised in Odisha capital. Karnataka retained the overall championship title with a total of 119 medals including 50 gold. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maharashtra(54)& 3<sup>rd</sup> Tamil Nadu(37)



\*\* In a first, an academy for sprinters— Sports
Science India Academy of Sprinters (SSIA)—was
launched in Bhubaneswar. It has been launched
with a vision to identify the latent talents in the
state and galvanize them into action.



\*\*Sitharaman, Dharmendra Launched "Kuwi Primer" and "Desia Primer", for those children, who are speaking Kuwi and Desia tribal languages in the undivided Koraput district of Odisha.



\*\*The flight service between Utkela Airport in Kalahandi district and Odisha capital commenced on Aug 31. The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had granted the required licence to Utkela Airport to start flight operations on Aug 7. IndiaOne Air will provide air service.



\*\*Indian IT company CSM Tech Odisha based, has teamed up with IIT Madras to help build the world's fastest autonomously driven electric race car by 2025.



\*\*Ramesh Munda, a tribal boy from a financially challenged family in Joda's Sialijoda village in Keonjhar district, bagged gold medal in the 11th Junior Asian Wushu Championship at Macao, China.



\*\*Veteran Odia film actress Sudharani Jena, who was a doctor by profession, passed away.

\*\*Berhampur's Shrihan & Rourkela's Priyanka Emerge Winners In Odisha State Junior Chess chamionship(U-19)at Sundergarh.



\*\*Rutaparna(24) and Swetaparna Panda(18) have done Odisha and India proud by winning Gold in BWF Tajikistan International Series 2023 in doubles.



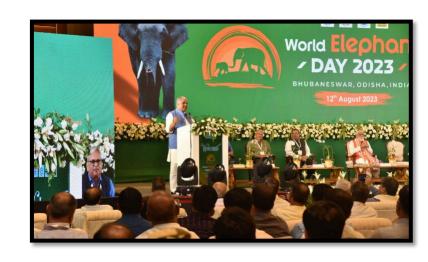
\*\*Govt. of Odisha and three others states—West Bengal, Rajasthan and Assam—have sent proposals to the Centre for creation of Legislative Councils. Odisha Legislative Assembly had passed a resolution from creation of a Legislative Council for the state on September 6, 2018.



\*\*Odisha-Born native from Puri, Educationist Sunita Mishra Appointed Vice Chancellor Of Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Rajasthan



\*\*India Home To Largest Population Of Wild Asian Elephants, said Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav at Bhubaneswar on 12 august on the occasion of World Elephant Day.



\*\*International Transport Summit is being held in Moscow from 24th August to 27th August 2023. Topic - discussions on urban mobility. CRUT was represented at the prestigious summit by its Managing Director, Arun Bothra. CRUT - MoBus success story, which has captured global attention. Capital Region Urban Transport



\*\*State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB) of Odisha received SKOCH Silver Award 2023 under the category Police & Safety for Special Report Management System.



\*\*Prof Ganeshi Lal unveiled the maiden issue of Frontier magazine 'Rakshak' in the presence of D K Sharma, IG BSF Odisha and other officers at Raj Bhawan. The magazine would showcase a vivid picture of the Frontier.



\*\*Kandhamal Haladi has bagged the National IP award for the year 2021-22 under agricultural category was given by Piyush Goyal, Union minister of Commerce and Industry at Delhi.



\*\*The Twin City Police Commissionerate launched the Sahabhagita initiative with a view to reducing the criminal incidences in the state capital Bhubaneswar. It was launched in Cuttack city in July 2022 by the Cuttack Urban Police Department. Install CCTV and link IP address to Police.



\*\* Spices Mission under the State sector scheme "Development of Potato, Vegetable, and Spices" to achieve self-sufficiency in spice production and marketing. The Mission will continue in the State till 2025-26 with the objective to expand the cultivation area to cover 2.5 lakh hectares.



\*\*Ganesh Dhangda Manjhi, a Bonda tribe youth from Odisha's Malkangiri district, lead the Indian U20 Rugby Team in the Under-20 Asia Rugby Championship, held in Kathmandu, Nepal, from August 19-20. Apart from Ganesh, four other youths from Odisha have been selected in the 20-member team.



\*\*Uttar Pradesh highest share of 16.2% in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions. Gujarat (14%), Odisha (11.8%) in 12 projects(Rs 31,452 crore), Maharashtra (7.9%), and Karnataka (7.3%). UP, Gujarat and Odisha shared 42 % of the total Rs 2,66,547 crore project cost sanctioned by the banks and financial institutions during the last fiscal as compared to 26.7 % in 2021-22.



\*\*Flight services to Kolkata finally scheduled to commence from Rourkela airport on September 1.



\*\*Binjharpur Assembly segment in Jajpur district has remained a 'reserved' constituency for the last 56 years since 1967. demands have been made repeatedly to make it an unreserved. It is reserved for scheduled caste candidate.

\*\*Odisha Government extended the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) benefits to child members in the age group of 5 to 18 years of the families coming under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and the State Food Security Scheme (SFSS)



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Q. Who among the followings Odia scientist has been selected as the first woman in the country for the coveted IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) Award 2023.

- (a) Jyotirmayee Mohanty
- (b) Jyotirmayee Mishra
- (c) Jyotirmayee Panda
- (d) Jyotirmayee Das







 Odisha-born scientist of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai, recently received IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry) 2023 or Chemical Engineering award from IUPAC president Javier G-Martinez at the World Chemistry Congress's inaugural ceremony held at The Hague in Netherlands on August 20.

#### 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

Q. Who has been ranked as the top central banker globally by US-based Global Finance magazine?

- (a) Raghuram Rajan
- (b) Viral Acharya
- (c) Chanda Kochhar
- (d) Shaktikanta Das —

• ^Shaktikant Das has been rated 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023. Das is followed by Switzerland Governor Thomas J Jordan and central bank chief of Vietnam Nguyen Thi Hong.

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Q. What is the edition of 2022 Asian games, which held in Hangzhou,

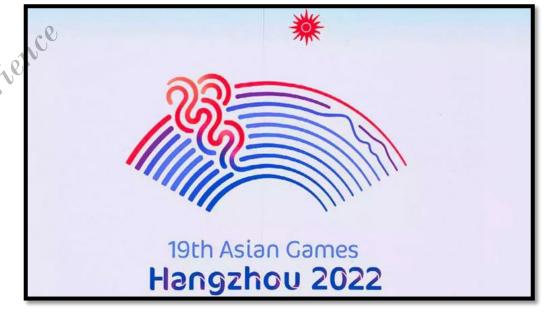
China?

A. 18th

B. 19th←

C. 20th

D. 21st



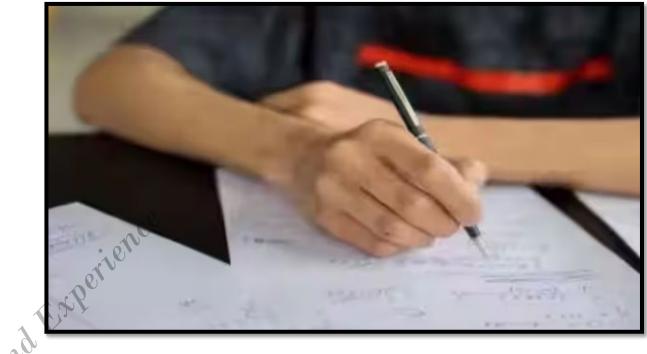
 CM announced a financial support of 10 Lakh for the state's athletes, who are set to participate in the quadrennial sporting extravaganza scheduled from September 23 to October 8. Notably, 13 athletes from Odisha have qualified for the multi-sport event. A total of 634 Indian athletes has taken part in Hangzhou 2022.

\*\*(IIT) Bhubaneswar has signed an MoU with Gurugram-based Whizhack Technologies Private Limited in the field of Cyber Security.



\*\*From Chief Minister's Relief Fund, CM announced an assistance of Rs 5 crore Assistance For Rain-Ravaged Himachal Pradesh.





- Berhampur University signs agreement for UK-funded scholarship on marine science
- The scholarship has been set up with the aim to support research in marine pollution, sustainable seafood and marine biodiversity.
- Under this agreement, the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS), a UK government agency, will provide scholarship for at least five students of the Marine Science Department of the varsity.

\*\* BJP leader Nibedita Pradhan, a former mayor of Odisha's Cuttack city passed away : No



\*\*Phula Soren from Odisha appointed as Vice-Captain Of India's Blind Women Cricket Team, that participated in Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Games 2023, played in Birmingham, UK. Varsha Umapathi from Karnataka lead the women's cricket team.



\*\*cash awards to odisha's outstanding visually-challenged cricketers:

Date :: August 14–27

Host City :: University of Birmingham, UK



...CM felicitated seven visually-challenged cricketers from Odisha for their fantastic performances at the International Blind Sports Federation IBSA World Games.

...Indian women's team won gold medal beating Australia in the final, while the Indian men's team bagged silver.

...Rs 20 lakh to each of the four female players from the state, and Rs 15 lakh each to the men's trio.

#### \*\*Odisha Paika Academy and Research Centre in Khurda district.:





- The academy will facilitate research and training on study of Paika Bidroha, an armed revolt raised by the warriors of Khurda against British rule in 1817. The rebellion was led by Buxi Jagabandhu Bidyadhara.
- The Paika Bidroha, also called sepoy mutiny, is considered as first armed rebellion against the Britishers in the country. The academy will help promote awareness about the life and times of the Paikas and the supreme sacrifice made by them against British rule.



- Veteran Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader and former Speaker of Odisha Assembly, Surjya Narayan Patro passed away.
- A seven-time MLA, he represented Digapahandi in the present Assembly. Patro had won the Mohana Assembly seat for the first time in 1990.
- He held various important portfolios, including Forest and Environment, Energy, Tourism, IT,
   Culture, Revenue, Information and Public Relations, Food Supply and Consumer Welfare.
- He became Assembly Speaker in 2019.

\*\*Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023: Senior Men





- India beat Pakistan in the final
- Place- Salalah, Oman
- ...The win also served as Asia's qualifying tournament for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.
- ...The 24-year-old from Sundargarh, Dipsan Tirkey played his part to perfection as India thumped Malaysia 10-4 on opening match.
- Date 29 Aug to 2 September

\*\*2 Headmasters From Odisha, Conferred With National Teachers' Award:

...The Education Ministry has selected <mark>75</mark> teachers – 50 schoolteachers, 13 teachers from higher education and

12 teachers from Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship – for the award ....Subhash Chandra Rout, a retired Headmaster of Brundaban Government High School in Jagatsinghpur district, and Sashisekhar Kar Sharma, Headmaster of Kenduapada Government High School in Bhadrak district, have been selected for the award from Odisha for their innovative concepts of teaching. (a cash award of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal)

\*\*4000 Deaths in 20 Years: Odisha Demands Lightning To Be Declared 'Natural

Disaster':



- ...Lighting was declared a state-specific disaster in April 1, 2015.
- ...The state government is providing an ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to a family of lightning strike victim
- ...Odisha was hit by 39,392 lightning strikes on September 2.
- ... 'Annual Thunderstorm Report 2022-23' 1. Madhya Pradesh, 2. Maharashtra, 3. Odisha

\*\*Second Edition Of Kathmandu Kalinga Literary Festival In Nepal Capital:

...The 2nd Kathmandu Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) conlcuded at Kathmandu on September 3. Foreign Minister of Nepal NP Saud was chief guest in the inaugural ceremony held on Sep 1.



- ...This event would play an imp. role in the exchange of culture in South Asia.
- ... Artists and litterateurs from Nepal, India, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka had gathered at Kathmandu for the Festival. Padma Shri Sudarsan Pattnaik, Padma Shri Nila Madhab Panda, Padma Shri Aruna Mohanty, Promising Singer Abhilipsa Panda were there.
- ...Central Theme of the Festival was "Shakti and Bhakti The Civilizational Connection: Nepal as a Centre of Global Thought."
- ...Next Kathmandu Kalinga Literary Festival will be held on November 23, 24, 2024
- ...In addition to the 'Yashaswi Sahitya Samman,' the festival introduced the 'Yashaswi Book Prize' to recognize outstanding literary works.

#### \*\*Yashaswi Book Prize:

...Bibek Ojha: Recognized for his fiction work 'Aithan.'

Dr. Nawaraj KC: Honored for his creative non-fiction book 'Sunyako Mulya.'

Renuka GC: Acknowledged for her captivating story 'Sanesh.'

Dr. Mahendra Malla: Celebrated for his poetry collection 'Bhasako Bakpatra.'

Govinda Giri Prerana: Awarded for the biography 'Sushree Parijaat.'

Anuradha: Lauded for her contribution to children's literature with 'Chhamchhako Chhamchhami.'

#### \*\*Odisha facts:



...The museum, set up by Dasarathi Pattanaik (popularly known as Dasia Aja), at Udayapur in Nayagarh has three pieces of moon rocks, collected from the United States (US) in 1984. ...The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of US had brought around 380 kilograms of rocks, pebbles, sand and dust from the moon during the six Apollo landings from 1969 to 1972.

...Professor Bikarm Das, son of Pandit Nilakantha Das, had brought the moon rock samples to Odisha

\*\*Odisha To Launch Special Vaccination Drive:



- ...The Mission Indradhanush (IMI 5.0) drive launched in the state from September 11 to vaccinate all children under the age of five years and pregnant women, who have missed their routine vaccine doses.
- ...The drive will be carried out in three rounds between September and November with each round spanning six days. September 11-16,October 9-14 and November 6-11.
- ...The drive aims to vaccinate 1,04,261 unvaccinated or partly vaccinated children and 19,896 pregnant women in 314 blocks of 30 districts.
- ...The full immunisation coverage in the state has increased from 36.1 per cent in 1992-93 to 90.5 per cent in 2019-21. This has significantly reduced vaccine-preventable diseases and under-five mortality in the state.

\*\*Kristalina Georgieva, the MD and Chairman of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), arrived in the national capital to attend the G20 Summit. On arrival, she received a warm welcome at the New Delhi airport and was greeted by a vibrant cultural dance performance. One of the performance was Sambalpuri song.



\*\*September 20, between 10.27 am and 10.42 am, 'Nabanna' (cooked new rice) has been performed at Sambalpur's presiding deity in Samaleswari temple. Sambalpur, Balangir, Bargarh, Sundergarh, Kalahandi, Deogarh, Jharsuguda, Boudh and Sonepur. (NuaKhai)



\*\*Rabindra Narayan Mishra, eminent writer, columnist and former Administrator of Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA),former OAS passed away



\*\*Rs 45 Cr Sanctioned For 6th Airport In Odisha, Bhubaneswar-Amarda Mayurbhanj under UDAN Scheme. Utkela became the fifth airport in Odisha after BPIA, Jharsuguda, Jeypore and Rourkela to start flight operations.



\*\*Crafts Bazaar in Delhi showcased handicraft products from different parts of India with a special focus on 'One District One Product (ODOP)', GI tagged items and products crafted by women and tribal artisans.

Pattachitra painting from Odisha



\*\*Yogesh Bahadur Khurania, a 1990-batch IPS officer of Odisha cadre, assumed charge as the Special Director-General of the Border Security Force's (BSF), Western Command, in Chandigarh.



\*\*The Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) welcomed five new guests from Mizoram's Aizawl Zoo. The new guests included a pair of hoolock gibbons, a pair of pig-tailed macaques and a female Himalayan black bear.



\*\*Arun Indra Nayak(40), who hails from Rourkela city in Odisha, has won 'Mr Glam Cultural Global' contest in Sydney in Australia.



\*\* A waterfall named 'Subarnajharan' with a height of around 1,115 feet, which earlier remained inaccessible to many people for quite a long time, was recently discovered in dense Similipal forest and five kilometres away from Subarnamanjari in Mayurbhanj



\*\*Odisha's Keonjhar district administration has extended support to 5 students to pursue higher studies at prestigious Curtin University in Australia. From the

Govt. College of Engineering, Keonihar, they have completed BTech in mining engineering. Now will be pursuing their Master of Professional Engineering in Mining there. The district administration will cover all expenses, including travel and living costs, through the District Mineral Foundation fund.



#### \*\*Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana.:

- The Odisha government has decided to reimburse entire course fees of eligible ST and SC students, studying medical and engineering (BTech and MTech) at various government-run institutions, under the Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana.
- All expenses, including admission charge /seat acceptance charge, initial deposit, annual course fee (tuition fee and all compulsory payable charges to the institution), hostel admission charges and annual hostel/mess charges and any other incidental expenses for study like purchase of books/study materials coaching /tutorial expenses, signed by the dean/head of the institution and student has to be forwarded to the district collector for reimbursement under the scheme.
- This scheme will be applicable to all eligible ST and SC students from 2023-24 onwards,
   Commissioner-cum-Secretary Roopa Roshan Sahoo said in a letter to all district collectors.
- The government had earlier launched 'Chatra Protsahan Yojana'(CPY) in October 2021 to provide free coaching to SC/ST students in the state for medical and engineering entrance examinations.

\*\*Green Hydrogen Unit To Come Up In Odisha's Gopalpur:





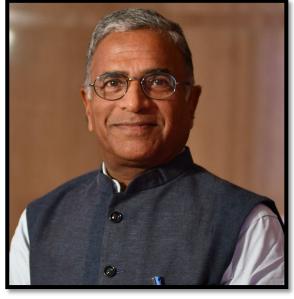
- Renewable energy company Avaada Group will set up a green hydrogen and ammonia manufacturing unit at Gopalpur Industrial Park (GIP) in Odisha's Ganjam district.
- The project is slated to generate around 1,500 direct and 4,000 indirect job opportunities.
- Avaada Group will acquire 120 acre in GIP to set up a 0.5 MTPA green hydrogen/ammonia production facility, which aims to curtail annual carbon dioxide emissions by nearly two million tonnes.

\*\*In a significant milestone for the agricultural sector in Odisha, 92% of the Kharif season target has been achieved across all 30 districts of the state as of September 7<sup>th</sup> 2023.

\*\*A replica of Konark Wheel from the Sun Temple in Odisha's Konark served as the backdrop of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's welcome handshake with the world leaders as they arrived at Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition and Convention Centre. {Kesar Pista Rasmalai (Odisha special)}







- Mamata Mohanta, the Rajya Sabha MP from Odisha's BJD, has been included in the panel of vice-chairpersons. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, who is Chairman of the RS, announced on the first day of the special session of the Parliament.that the panel of vice-chairpersons has been reconstituted with 50% of women parliamentarians. The eight-member panel will now have four women members.
- The vice-chairpersons are eligible to preside over the House in the absence of the chairman or the deputy chairman(Shri Harivansh).

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Q. Which state government has recently approved nine industrial projects involving a cumulative investment of Rs 1,01,804 crore?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh



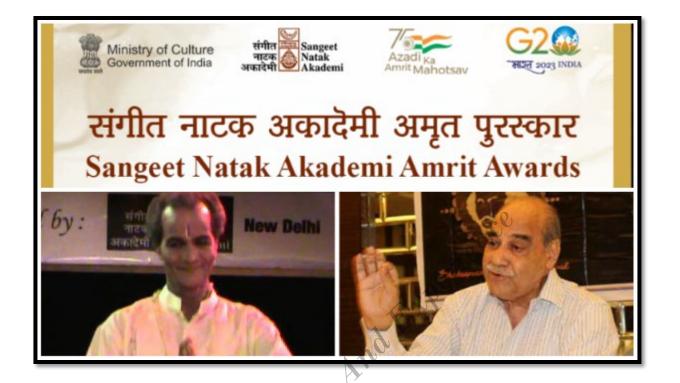
- The projects are expected to create employment for over 28,565 people.
- ^These projects will be set up in the districts of Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Khurda, Paradeep, Bhadrak, Ganjam, and Koraput districts.

\*\* Prestigious Norman Borlaug Field Award, 2023:

and Experience



- Dr Swati Nayak will be the third Indian and first Odia to receive this prestigious award at USA.
- World Food Prize Foundation (IOWA, USA) announced.
- The award is given to exceptional scientists under 40 years of age who work in the field of food and nutrition security, hunger eradication and exhibit the character and attributes of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Green Revolution's Chief Architect Dr Norman Borlaug.



- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar conferred Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Award-2022 on four veteran artistes from Odisha at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on September 16.
- Chhau dancer Siba Prasad Das, theatre director Anant Mahapatra, folk musician (Brahma veena player) Ananda Bag and Gotipua dancer Gobinda Chandra Pal.
- New Delhi-based Odissi dancer Kumkum, who was a disciple of Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, has also been selected for the award, which is an one-time honour being conferred by the Akademi on 86 senior artistes under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence.

\*\* 2 Nutrition Schemes For Pregnant Women, Girls & Children:

And Experience



- Mukhyamantri Sampoornna Pushti Yojana" (MSPY) and "Pada Pushti Karyakram "(PPK)
- The MSPY aims at providing nutritious dry food to pregnant women, post-natal women and girls of 15 to 19 years. Nutritious food for children having extreme nutrition deficiency and vitamin enforced Chhatua (cereal) and eggs will be supplied to moderately deficient and underweight children.
- Under PPK, nutritious cooked food will be supplied to tribal children living in remote and inaccessible areas of the state.

\*\*National Canoe Sprint Meet:



- The Open Canoe Sprint Senior National Men's and Women's Championship.
- ...Odisha canoeists bagged 8 gold, 6 silver and 9 bronze medals in the four-day meet which concluded at Uttarakhand's Tehri Dam on September 17.
- ...Odisha women's team secured the runners-up trophy.

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Q. Which state's CM has flagged off 181 Mobile Veterinary vehicles to provide healthcare services to livestock in the state under 'Mukhyamntri Bhramyaman Pranichikitsa Seva?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
  - ^The mobile veterinary units will provide veterinary healthcare and animal husbandry services
    to the farmers through basic animal healthcare, complex surgery, vaccination and diagnostic
    services besides organising awareness camps for the farmers, also provide emergency
    healthcare to stray and abandoned animals through Animal Helpline. The location of the
    vehicles will be tracked using the Global Positioning System.Minister for Fisheries and Animal
    Resources Development Ranendra Pratap Swain

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#### Q. Which edition of Durand Cup held in 2023?

- (a) 130th
- (b) 131st
- (c) 132nd ←
- (d) 133rd

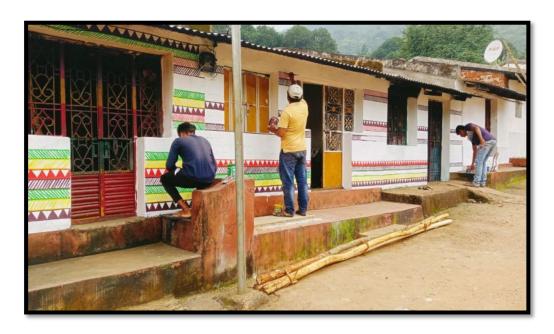
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Mohun bagan defeated East Bengal



- Kobita Ramdanee, wife of the Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth was gifted a
  masterpiece created by the artisans of Odisha. It is a traditional mulberry silk stole adorned
  with the exquisite lkat technique.
- Originating in the 12th century. Ikat' is a meticulous dyeing process on silk or cotton.
- The stole was presented in a Teak wood box, handcrafted by artisans of Gujarat using the hardy and durable teak wood.

#### \*\*Kapdaganda Design Of Dongria Groups In Odisha's Rayagada:



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- The art forms of Dongria Kondhs which once adorned the walls of their shrines of Niyam Raja and Dharanipenu are being promoted.
- Kapdaganda shawl, unique to Dongria Kondh tribe
- In order to appease their gods and goddesses, the Dongria Kondhs draw these arts on the woven shawls and scarfs.
- particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) who live in the Niyamgiri Hills of Rayagada and Kalahandi districts.

\*\* Prof Dipti Ranjan Sahoo, an engineering researcher from Odisha, has been selected for the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards for 2022:

- ... 12 scientists from across the country who have been selected for the prestigious award. Sahoo has been nominated for the award in Engineering category. ...Serving as a Professor of Structural Engineering in the Department of Civil Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Delhi.
- ...He had passed Bachelor in Civil Engineering from Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology under Utkal University in Bhubaneswar in 2001 and then did his Master's degree in Structural Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur in 2003. He was awarded Doctorate degree in Civil Engineering by the institute in 2008.
- ... Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award is named after first Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The CSIR presents awards to scientists and researchers in seven categories every year.



...The Transport department of Odisha, stated that the citizens can report about violation of the road safety norm of riding without helmet through the Next Gen mParivahan app 'Citizen Sentinel' option. The app is developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC).

...34% of the deaths in road accidents involved two-wheelers in the state in 2022. Total 1,695 people lost their lives and 2,615 were injured for riding without helmet.

\*\*Kishore bagged gold medal at Chandigarh in the Indian Grand Prix 5. Odisha athlete Srabani Nanda finished first in the women's 100m.



\*\*Odisha Teen Bekey Oram, Odisha's Balangir Sports Hostel, has been roped in by NorthEast United FC (NEUFC-Assam) on a three-year contract.





...Federation Internationale De Gymnastique (FIG) World Challenge Cup 2023 held at Szombathely, Hungary from 8th to 10th September 2023.

...Men's Artistic Gymnastics Category (Senior) Rakesh Kumar Patra and Saif Sadik Tamboli and in Women's Artistic Gymnastics Category (Senior) Pranati Nayak.

...The Gymnastics High Performance Center was recently inaugurated by CM of Odisha on July 18, 2023.

\*\* Special Finance Assistance To Betel leaf, Kia Flower Farmers:





...In Puri & Ganjam, Farmers with at least 2000 square meters of area will be considered eligible for the financial assistance.

...The farmers who have betel leaf farms will be given financial assistance of Rs 2500 per unit for its management. A farmer will get assistance for a maximum of two units. Wide awareness will be created regarding interest-free loans of up to Rs 1 lakh through Kishan Credit Card for betel leaf farming.

...kia flower farmers of Ganjam will be promoted under the National Horticulture Mission.

\*\*Eminent author and daughter of legendary leader Biju Patnaik Gita Mehta has been cremated at Lodhi Road crematorium in New Delhi.





\*\*The Odisha govt. is all set to launch an elaborate exercise to conduct its own tiger census in the state every year. The census operation is slated to begin from October 15 and a detailed report on the big cat population is likely to be compiled by the end of January next year, after the All India Tiger Estimation report released in July put the number of Royal Bengal Tigers (RBT) in the state at 20, down from the 45 estimated in 2006.



\*\* CM has approved a proposal to name Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Jajpur, which is expected to become functional from 2024, after Jajati Keshari. Opening of this institution, the total number of government medical colleges and hospitals in Odisha will go up to 12.

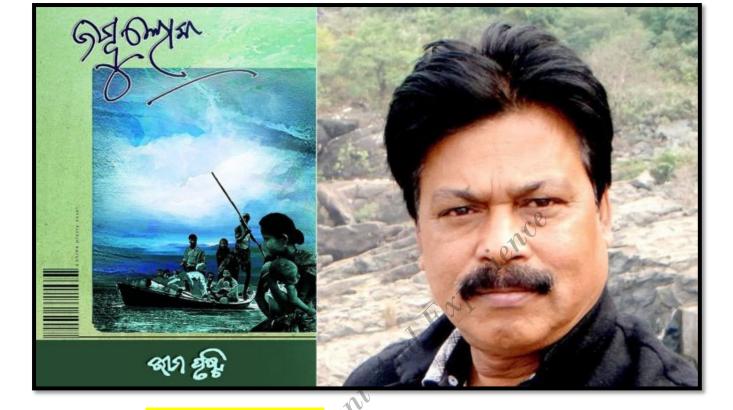


\*\*An artificial intelligence-enabled microscope has been installed at the district headquarters hospital in Odisha's Malkangiri on a pilot basis to detect malaria.

\*\* The Odisha govt. has approved a proposal to launch a scheme with an estimated cost of over Rs 3000 crore to ensure sustainable, affordable and safe transportation of passengers and commodities across the state. (seamless public transport network across Odisha from the gram panchayat level to the state capital)

\*\*Aditya aluminium smelter equipped global technologies, has been honoured with the prestigious Pollution Control Excellence Award 2023 from State Pollution Control Board, Odisha.

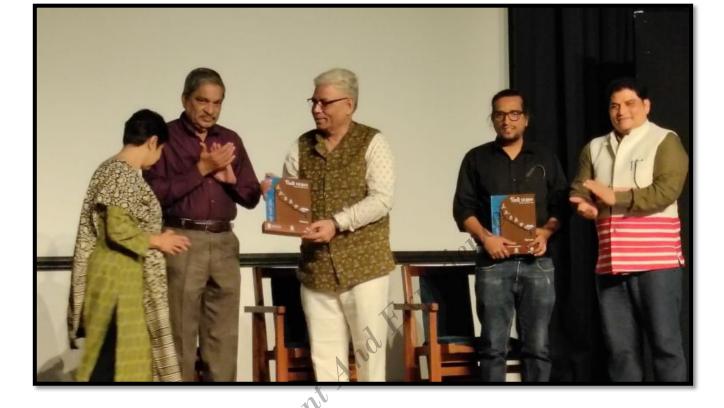




- Eminent Odia fiction writer Bhima Prusty will be conferred with the prestigious Sarala
   Puraskar for his novel 'Jambulok', which was published by Paschima Publications in 2017.
- Prize 5 lakh, Event 26 October, 44th edition
- by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPaCT).
- 'ILA-Bansidhar Panda Kala Samman', given every year by IMPaCT for lifetime excellence in the field of art, has also been announced for the year 2023. Guru Benudhar Mohapatra, a unique sculptor of pattachitra and famous flute player Guru Mohini Mohan Patnaik will be given the award this year.



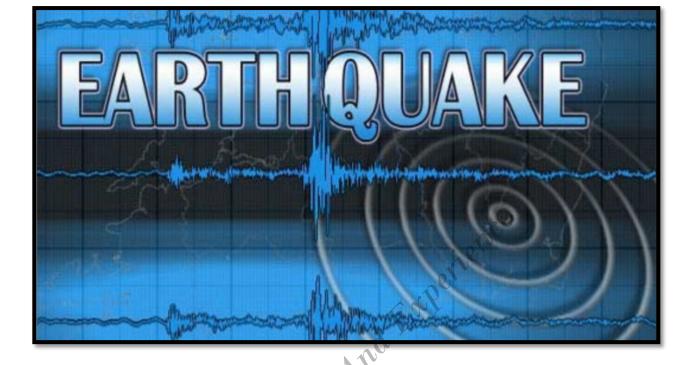
- Raghurajpur in Odisha's Puri district was awarded 'Best Tourism Village 2023' in silver category by the Ministry of Tourism on World Tourism Day. (27 Sep)
- A total of 35 villages, including Raghurajpur were awarded for promoting and preserving their cultural heritage and sustainable development through tourism. Among them, 5, 10, and 20 villages were awarded in gold, silver, and bronze categories, respectively.
- The Village is situated on the southern bank of the Bhargavi river, the coconut and palmshaded heritage crafts village of Odisha is best known for its Pattachitra art, palm leaf engraving, wooden toys, and stone carving.



- 'Mahanadi, a documentary from Odisha, was screened as the opening film at 4th 'Nadi Utsav' organised by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) in New Delhi. 22nd to 24th Sept.
- under the Ministry of Culture
- out of which 12 were selected for screening, "Mahanadi the River in the Eye of a Poet"
   was selected as the opening film in this three-day river festival.
- film's director Jubanashwa Mishra, producer Ashok Kumar Panda and literary researcher of this film Aswini Kumar Mishra.



- Capital city of Odisha, received the 'Best Smart City in Eastern Region' award at the India
  Smart Cities Conclave 2023.
- President Draupadi Murmu presented the award in Indore.
- Bhubaneswar Mayor Sulochana Das.



- 15 districts have been classified as the moderate earthquake zone in Odisha (Puri, Khordha,
  Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Cuttack, Jajpur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Deogarh, Sambalpur, Bargarh,
  Jharsuguda, Sundargarh, Balasore and Mayurbhanj)
- Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Sudam Marndi
- As per the Earthquake Hazard of Zoning Atlas of India (2016) report published by Centre's National Disaster Management Authority Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, 15 districts in Odisha come under Zone-III (moderate intensity zone)
- The remaining districts in the state have been identified as the state's earthquake Zone-II (low damage risk zone)



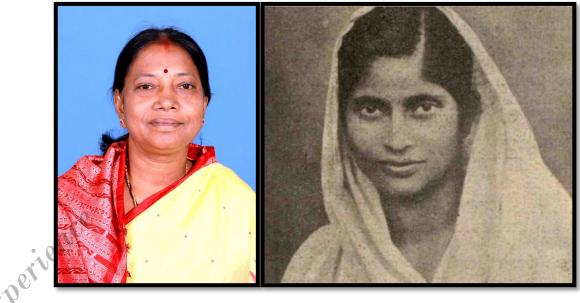
- Following an appeal from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, the State Animal Welfare Board of Odisha has ordered a ban on glue traps to catch rodents.
- for the prevention of cruelty to animals
- According to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA), 1960, which prohibits causing unnecessary pain and suffering to animals & Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) advisories banning glue traps to catch rodents.
- Odisha is the latest of 21 states and union territories to issue directives against these cruel and illegal sticky traps.
- Peta is an American animal rights nonprofit organization. HQ- Virginia, USA



- Odisha Government had allocated a total budget of Rs 183,67,39,340 for Biju Yuva Vahini in two years (2020-21, 2021-22). Rs 159,89,87,096 was allocated in the FY 2018-19 and Rs 23,77,52,244 in the FY 2019-20.
- Sports and Youth Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera
- The Biju Yuva Vahini was started as a government programme in the State, which was implemented in FY 2018-19. It was intended to use the youth force to create awareness among people about the purpose of various welfare schemes and voluntary initiatives of the government



- Odisha govt has paid Rs 2,000 to each beneficiary farmer under its Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme on the occasion of Nuakhai festival.
- 44.56 lakh farmers (43,88,000 small and marginal farmers and 68,750 landless farmers)
- The government has already paid Rs 12,500 crore as financial assistance under the KALIA scheme.



- ...Six-time BJD MLA Pramilla Mallik
- ...Binjharpur constituency
- ...elected unopposed as Speaker of the Odisha Legislative Assembly, becoming the first woman to occupy the post.
- ...Sarala Devi was the first woman to be elected to the Odisha Legislative assembly in 1937, a year after the new province came into existence on linguistic basis during the British rule in India with Sir John Austen Hubbak as the first Governor on April 1, 1936. She chaired the Assembly for a day. On March 24, 1939, Sarala Devi presided over the House.
- ... She is the first woman from Odisha to join the Congress, the first woman MLA, she was elected as first woman director of the Cuttack Cooperative Bank and the first female Senate member of Utkal University. She was the only representative from Odisha on President Dr S Radhakrishnan's Education Commission.
- ...Sarala Devi also served as secretary of The Utkal Sahitya Samaj, Cuttack from 1943 to 1946. Not satisfied with the working style of the Congress, she joined the Praja Socialist Party after Independence. She led a active public life till her death in 1986.

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Q. Which state government has distributed land rights certificates to the 65,000 poor families living in the slums?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

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 \*Odisha is the only state in the country to give land rights to slum dwellers under the flagship of Jaga mission.

\*\*School and Mass Education (SME) Minister Sudam Marndi was assigned additional charge of Revenue Department after Pramila Mallik resigned.



\*\*Odisha govt. has spent Rs 23,286 crore towards providing the drinking water facility in the last 10 years from 2013-14 to 2022-23. Minister of Panchayatiraj and Drinking Water Pradip Kumar Amat. Around 60% of villages in Odisha are yet to get piped water supply.



\*\*Under the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), no provision has been made to pay compensation to the families of the patients who die of dengue. Health and Family Welfare Minister Niranjan Pujari



\*\*A joint security exercise, 'Sagar Kavach-2', was carried out off Paradip coast in Odisha's Jagatsinghpur district for 2 days. The exercise involving 18 security agencies and related departments of the state and the Centre was conducted along Paradip coast.



\*\*Odisha Finance Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha presented a supplementary budget of Rs 28,200 crore for the 2023-24 financial year in the state Assembly(Rs 210 cr Metro rail project)



\*\*4 major and medium irrigation projects proposed by the Odisha govt in the lower Mahanadi basin are awaiting approval from the Central Water Commission (CWC), state Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu. The CWC has not yet approved the projects due to the Odisha-Chhattisgarh interstate dispute over Mahanadi River water.

The detailed project reports of four major and medium irrigation projects including the Upper Udanti barrage, Tel integrated dam, Laxmipathar dam and Lamadora dam have been prepared and sent to the CWC for approval.

\*\*A high-level delegation of the Nigerian govt arrived in Odisha to learn the state's experience in rice fortification. The delegation led by John Uruakpa, the director of Nigeria's federal ministry of health. The Nigerian govt is formulating a national strategy to tackle micronutrient deficiencies. The government has identified rice, one of the staples in that country, as a part of the national fortification programme

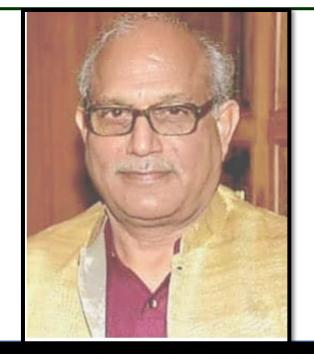
\*\*Rourkela-Puri Vande Bharat Express, the eight other trains are flagged up by PM Modi. It is semi high-speed train, 2nd to Odisha and 34th to the Nation.



\*\*Odisha KIIT and NIT Rourkela figure in the first 1,000 list of THE World University Rankings 2024 across 1,904 universities across 108 countries and regions for ranking. IISC Bangalore topped in India. (Times Higher Education)



\*\*Eminent Odia writer Jitendra Narayan Dash, popularly known as Dash Benhur in Odisha, conferred on 14 oct. with the prestigious 'Nabagunjara Samman' for 2023 for his contribution to literature and culture.



\*\*SAFF U-19 Championship:



• Dates :: 21–30 September 2023

Venue :: Kathmandu, Nepal

Odisha's Shuvendu Panda became the head coach of the team

India has have been placed in Group B along with Bhutan and Bangladesh, while Group A comprises hosts Nepal, Maldives and Pakistan. (6 teams)



\*\* Indian Deaf Cricket Association (IDCA) T-20 National Cricket Championship for Deaf held in Bhubaneswar in September, with 19 teams taking part in a seven-day tournament.



\*\*To preserve Western Odisha's rich cultural heritage, the Centre of Excellence, Regional Development and Tribal Studies of Sambalpur University has embarked on a mission to revive two dance forms – 'Maadli' and 'Dhap', which are on the verge of extinction.

\*\*Odisha govt has unveiled during the Global Stainless-Steel Expo 2023 in Mumbai, an ambitious special subsidy scheme to boost the stainless-steel Industry in the state & to becoming the 'Stainless Steel Destination' for the world.

- 20% Capital Investment Subsidy
- Electricity Duty Exemption
- ESI/EPF Reimbursement
- Land Allocation



\*\*Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, in his presence, second batch of Agniveers at INS Chilika passed out. Total 2895 Agniveers, including 448 women.





...Odisha-based Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) has supplied special grade MDN-250 (maraging steel) for various space missions of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) including Chandrayaan, Gaganayaan and Aditya L1. Maraging steel plates are used in PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) and GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) programmes of ISRO.

...the significance of maraging steel is that it has got very high strength (to the tune of 5-6 times of mild steel) along with good ductility.

...SAIL also contributed 4000 tonne special steel plates to India's seventh frigate, indigenous P17A project of Indian Navy. The warship Name "INS Mahendragiri", was launched in Mumbai by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar's wife, Sudesh.

... Mahendragiri is apart of a mountain range in Rayagada district of Odisha.

\*\*Cabinet approved for 3 barrages:
\*River Budhabalanga at Darkuli in
Balasore (126.96 Cr)
\*Turi and Guntat rivers in Nabarangpur
district (106 Cr)



\*\*Silicon Institute of Technology in Odisha capital and National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) in Berhampur will be upgraded into unitary universities



#### \*\* Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY scheme) :







- The enrolment under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY scheme) has gone from about 10 /11 lakh in the previous years to 23.50 lakh in current Kharif.
- State Government will have to spend about Rs 850 Crores from its own resources in order to bear the total premium subsidy.
- The Crop Insurance Scheme- PMFBY is in operation in the State since 2016 Kharif. The Scheme is being implemented through Insurance Companies (ICs).
- The Cooperation Department, Government of Odisha announced that farmers in the State will be get free crop insurance coverage for the coming three years, starting from the Kharif season of the year 2023 up to the Rabi season of FY 2025-26.

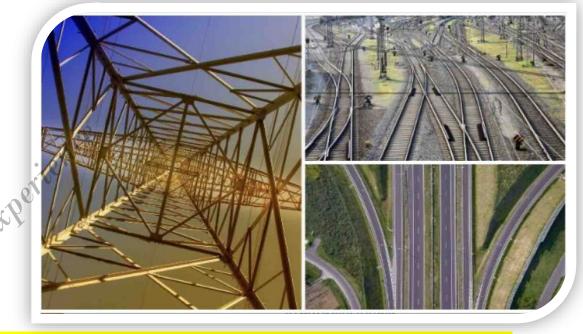
\*\* Odisha Gets DEA Approval For OPELIP II With Rs 716.31 Cr IFAD Assistance:

...The Department of Economic Affairs approved the state govt's proposal for Odisha PVTG Empowerment & Livelihoods Improvement Programme (OPELIP) II.



- ... USD 86.33 million from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- ...The state is home to the highest number of 13 PVTGs in the country.
- ...Odisha has been implementing the seven-year OPELIP since 2015 for improving livelihoods and food and nutrition security primarily of 32,090 PVTG households, 14,000 other tribal households and 16,356 other poor and Schedules Caste (SC) households living in 542 villages in 12 tribal-dominated districts of the state, at an estimated expenditure of Rs 795.41 crore of which Rs 312.37 crore was in the shape of loan from IFAD.
- ...Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the launch of a new scheme called Pradhan Mantri PVTG (Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) Development Mission as part of the Union Budget 2023-24. A fund of Rs 15,000 crore for the next three years has been allocated for the socioeconomic development of the group.

\*\*PPP policy 2023:



- The Odisha government has notified a new Public Private Partnership (PPP) Policy, 2023 to attract private investment in the construction of public infrastructure.
- It will be applicable to all infrastructure projects including roads, bridges, ports, railways, airports, irrigation, helipads, industrial parks, logistic hubs, water supply, power, tourism, sports, healthcare, education, and inland waterways implemented through the PPP route.
- The government has also made a provision for levying user fees to boost the commercial viability of the projects and the amenability of private sector participation.



- Odisha govt has provided 100% e-services through single unified service delivery portal "Odisha One"
- Revealed in the monthly report of Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) under Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.
- Apart Odisha, Jammu and Kashmir & Kerala

\*\*Olympic Value Based Education Programme:



...CM had launched the 'Olympic Value Based Education Programme' in about 90 schools of Khurda and Sundargarh districts in its first phase. The programme was started with a tie-up between the School and Mass Education department and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation. The government plans to extend the programme to five more districts in the second phase.

...The Olympics in Reel Life is a Festival of Films and Photographs organised by the Film Heritage Foundation in partnership with the Olympic Museum and in collaboration with the National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA), Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Abhinav Bindra Foundation.

...The audio-visual presentation of two students from Odisha on "Olympics Values" drew high appreciation at "Olympics in Reel Life" in Mumbai.

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Q. Which state government has launched the 'Location Accessible Multi-modal Initiative' (LAccMI) public transport system in the state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh



• This is a 10-year scheme with an aim to reduce the gap between rural areas and major towns across the state. Rs 3,178-crore LAccMI to establish connectivity between gram panchayats and state capital in Malkangiri, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Kalahandi and Gajapati, having no or less public transport connectivity, in the first phase. The buses will run from panchayats to block headquarters and from block headquarters to district headquarters.

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# Q. Which state government has launched the "Mukhyamantri Maka Mission" (MMM) to promote maize cultivation?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- The Odisha cabinet decided to launch a programme under the crop diversification initiative to enhance the production and productivity of maize and improve the value chain of its marketing. Revival and Sustainable Intensification of Forgotten Crops has been included.
- The cabinet led by CM made a provision of Rs 481.94 crore for the crop diversification scheme for five years.
- The scheme will be implemented in a "more scientific and progressive way" which will do enhancement of area, production and productivity of pulses, oilseeds, fibre crops (cotton and jute) and maize.
- Ultimately, It will provide ample scope for employment generation in the rural areas and augmentation in the income of the farmers in the State in Agriculture & Allied sectors.

\*\*Santali-Odia-English Dictionary:



...to promote tribal culture

...published by Janajati Bhasa Sanskruti Pratisthan

...The dictionary has been compiled by eminent expert on Santali language Chaitanya Prasad Majhi

...Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe Development, Minorities and Backward Class Welfare Minister Jagannath Saraka

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Q. Which edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2023 held in Johor,

Malaysia from October 27 to November 4?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 8th
- (c) 9th
- (d) 11th ←



- The Sultan of Johor Cup is an annual under-21 men's field hockey event held in Malaysia. India beat Pakistan in shootout to win bronze medal.
- Champions → Germany (2nd title), Runner-up → Australia
- Top scorer(s)→India Amandeep Lakra

\*\*Bunakar Assistance for Livelihood And Income Augmentation (BALIA) scheme :

And Experience



...Odisha govt has increased interest-free bank loan given to weavers to meet their working capital needs under this scheme from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh.

...Under the scheme, weavers and handloom artisans can avail working capital as per their requirements to the maximum limit of Rs 1 lakh from a bank at zero interest.

...The scheme, launched by the state government in 2021, is being implemented in both urban and rural areas.

...Odia film 'Baghuni' by Jitendra Mishra



...The National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC) has picked 20 films from 11 countries for the 17th edition of the Film Bazaar, the co-production market event held on the sidelines of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

... Event Place / Date - Marriott Resort in Goa from November 20 to 24

... India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the US, the UK, Singapore, Germany, France, Poland, Luxembourg and Israel.

...The 54th edition of IFFI (November 20-28 in Panaji, Goa)



...Odisha is the first State in the country to start a tobacco-free village campaign & secured the top position in the country in the tobacco-free village campaign. The Abhiyan was launched under the Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 2023. The Govt of India has awarded the State for the initiative. "Awareness programmes are being taken up in the village level for the tobacco-free village. The health department had written to the Panchayati Raj department to implement Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act 2003 (COTPA 2003) through sarpanch in villages. So far 54 panchayats have been declared tobacco-free. The campaign is going on in 114 more gram panchayats in the State. Tobacco-free school campaign is running successfully across the state.

\*\*Odisha lost it's First Woman Lyricist Binodini Devi:





- ... The first woman lyricist of Odia film industry, died at 86 in Angul.
- ...Binodini Devi was born on 1937 at Tigiria, Cuttack. She was an approved lyricist of Akashvani (All India Radio) and wrote songs for Akashvani, Doordarshan & movies.

...She began her journey in Ollywood as a lyricist with the film 'Malajanha' released in 1965. She gained popularity with her songs in the movies 'Tapoi' (1978), 'Sri Jagannath' (1979), 'Maha Sati Savitri' (1983) and 'Jay Jagannath' (2007). "Her songs in simple language could express powerful sentiments. She created a niche for herself with these five movies.

... Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) has been conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the 16th Urban Mobility India Awards 2023.

...Organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, this prestigious award recognizes CRUT's remarkable efforts in advancing the quality of urban transportation and promoting sustainable mobility.



...The Award of Excellence has been presented in the "Running Trophy for the State/UT" category, which acknowledges the State or Union Territory that has executed the Best Urban Transport Project during the previous year.

...This remarkable recognition marks the fifth consecutive year that CRUT has received an award at the prestigious Urban Mobility India Awards.

...Odisha govt in partnership with the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) launched the 'GajUtsav' campaign in Bhubaneswar with an aim to conserve elephants.

...Forest and Environment Minister Pradip Kumar Amat.

... Since 2018 GajUtsav is a visionary campaign by the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI), supported by the Whitley Fund for Nature (UK) and Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies, with a mission to raise awareness about safeguarding the future of India's National Heritage Animal.

- ...Odisha is home to over 1900 elephants spanning three elephant reserves.
- ...Over the last five years, the campaign has successfully engaged with 75,000 people across the country.

...The unique Public-Private Partnership will take forward the vision of bringing the Gajah (elephant) to the Prajah (public) through the elephant districts of the state.

\*\* CM launched the 'Kalas Yatra' on the occasion of the statewide 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' programme:



...The Kalas Yatra started its journey to New Delhi, because an Amrit Batika will be established in New Delhi. So that, Holy soil collected from all panchayats of the country.

...Amrit Kalash Yatra serves as a tribute to the national heroes who devoted their lives to the nation. The 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' (MMMD) campaign is a tribute to the soldiers of the Indian Army who sacrificed their lives for their nation.

\*\*'Manodarpan' programme:





...Odisha govt has launched a survey of mental health condition of the teachers working in all schools running under School and Mass Education department.

...The survey was launched in the state as per the provisions of Education Ministry's 'Manodarpan' programme under National Education Policy-2020.

... In around 61,000 schools in the state & round 2.07 lakh teachers imparting education in Class 1 to 10.

#### \*\*Odisha's Ridley Forest Project:





...The project which aims to plant one million trees in 1,500 hectare. The initiative has already achieved planting half a million trees.

... "The Odisha Ridley Forest Project seeks ecological restoration. Its objective is to align with Odisha's broader vision of utilising sports as a catalyst for youth empowerment and harnessing the energy of the youth to create a sustainable future. This visionary initiative encompasses a comprehensive approach that involves reforestation, community-based forest management and the preservation of local plant and animal species,".

...The Olympic Forest Network is a part of contribution to a broader initiative, "Sport for Nature" framework, which compliments the sport for climate framework. Through the Odisha Ridley Forest project, India has joined Brazil, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain in launching the Olympic Forest Network initiative.

...The project is being executed in partnership with the IOC, IOA, Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust and The Habitats Trust.

\*\*REC Signs MoUs with 3 Companies to boost Green Energy in Odisha:

... In a boost to the green energy sector in Odisha, the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has signed three MoUs with prominent energy entities including Odisha Power Grid Corporation (OPGC), Avaada Energy and ACME Solar.

...The MoU with OPGC will finance the expansion of thermal power project at Jharsuguda with an investment of Rs 9,538 crore. REC is a 'Maharatna' company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Power.

The agreement with Avaada Energy will facilitate financing for green hydrogen and green ammonia project in Gopalpur with Rs 15,000 crore. Similarly, ACME Solar-REC collaboration will finance for ACME Solar's green hydrogen and green ammonia project in Gopalpur with Rs 16,000 crore.

...Odisha's strategic location, coupled with our pioneering efforts in green energy, is attracting global investors, setting the state as the Bay of Bengal's industrial epicenter.

\*\*Odisha's University Of Technology & Research Wins Seventh National Social

Enterprise Idea Challenge:





 Students of Odisha University of Technology and Research, Bhubaneshwar, won the seventh edition of the National Level Social Enterprise Idea Challenge organised by Azim Premji University.

...Their entry was "Chuliv," the world's first heat-powered air blower for mudstoves, reducing carbon emissions by 60% and improving stove performance by 40%. The automatic, non-electrical device absorbs excess heat, enhancing stove performance and contributing to tree preservation. It aligns with SDG 13, SDG 3, and SDG 7, promoting affordable, clean energy without significant changes to cooking methods.

\*\*Rabi Campaign 2023-24:



... Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment and Fisheries & ARD, Ranendra Pratap Swain.

...The objective was to review and assess the Crop Performance and facilitate adoption of Technology.

...Major Rabi crops are wheat, gram, peas, barley begin in Oct or Nov are called rabi or winter crops. A warm climate is required for seed germination and cold climate for the growth of crops.

...Odisha has become a surplus state in rice production. Crop diversification, integrated farming, rice fallow management, cultivation of cash crops such as pulses and oilseeds, vegetables are being encouraged to cope with climate change and to increase farmers' income.

\*\*31.5% Growth in Fish production, Emerges 4th Highest In Country:

And Experience



- Odisha has emerged as 4<sup>th</sup> largest state in fish production and <mark>seventh</mark> largest state in the production of marine fish in the country.
- Odisha has become self-reliant in the production of fish seed. With a fish production of 7.62 lakh ton annually, the state has achieved an annual growth rate of 31.5%.
- The government has decided to construct an aqua culture farm in Hirakud reservoir in Sambalpur district at a cost of Rs 100 crore. It will have fish production facility, processing unit and general infrastructure.

\*\*Densification Of Mangroves, Massive Palm Tree Plantation:

And Experience



... Odisha Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena emphasised the need for densification of mangroves which help build coastal resilience as effective natural safeguards against cyclones. He also highlighted the need for massive palm tree plantations to prevent rising lightning deaths.

...Forest department will take up more and more Palm tree plantations in all areas, basically districts prone to lightning.

...An amount of Rs. 159,02,19,356 has already been released against the proposal of Rs. 240,33,51,108.



...The State govt has decided to train people regarding alertness for lightning and other natural calamities in vulnerable districts. In the first phase, the training programme will be held in 10 lightning-prone districts including Mayurbhanj, Ganjam, Keonjhar, Balasore, Cuttack, Sundargarh, Nabarangpur, Jajpur, Balangir, Koraput. Subsequently, this program will be extended to all other districts.

It was decided by Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA).

The meeting focused on dealing with natural calamities like floods and cyclone and managing calamities like lightning. Similarly, discussion was also held regarding the lightning arrester system in all the schools. Teachers will make students aware of lightning. The chief secretary emphasized on special measures to conduct fire alarm system in schools.

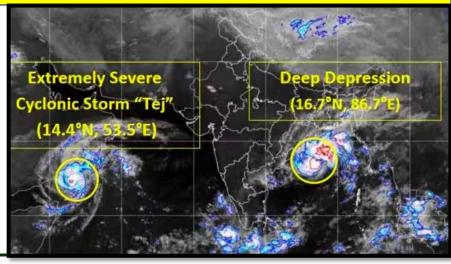
Operation of lightning protection system in all shelters, installation of tower lights and sending messages to the public through mobile phones regarding lightning were also a subject in the meeting.

\*\*The Odisha Cabinet recommended the proposal for the Inclusion of Mundari language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India. It will benefit the Munda and Mundari tribes of Odisha

\*\*The Odisha sign (MoU) with Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal (SVKM) for establishment of a worldclass educational campus of NMIMS University in Jatni to elevate the standard of higher education and create new opportunities for academic excellence in Odisha. The proposed University will act as a learning centre that fosters national and global engagement in the field of education(KG to PG level). SVKM commits to admit 30% of its students from Odisha based on merit.

The Govt of Odisha shall provide SVKM 40 acres of land on lease in Jatni, for establishment of the University. The educational campus will be developed by SVKM in phases. It aligns seamlessly with the state's vision to nurture human resource development and bolster its reputation as a hub for quality education.

\*\*The Cyclonic storm has been named 'Hamoon' recently in news, the name is given by Iran. It made landfall in coastal areas of Bangladesh. Cyclones Tej and Hamoon are considered to be twin cyclones developed over the north Indian ocean. 5 year before, cyclones 'Luban' and 'Titli' were recorded in 2018



\*\*Junagarh block in Kalahandi district has bagged the 1st position in disaster management and planning on the

occasion of Odisha Disaster Preparedness Day,

2023 organised by Odisha State Disaster

Management Authority (OSDMA). Minister of

Revenue and Disaster Management Sudam Marndi

\*\*Dana Reizniece Ozola, Woman Grandmaster and Deputy Chair of FIDE (International Chess Federation) Management Board, had discussed with Odisha CM on promoting chess in the state. She is a former minister of Latvia. Odisha have established the State level chess academy Pro-Chess-Ta, Chess in Schools project. Odisha to launch 100 chess training centres across state



\*\*13 bills, including the supplementary budget of Rs 28,200 appropriation bill 2023, were passed. Monsoon session (Sept 22 – Oct 4)



\*\*Actor-director Chittaranjan Tripathy, who hails from Bhadrak, Odisha, was appointed as the director of National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi.



\*\*CM flagged off 34 awareness vans at the Kalinga Stadium in BBSR

to launch the govt's statewide cyber safety campaign. The vans, called "Cyber Safety Awareness Raths", will travel to schools, colleges and panchayats across the state to spread awareness about cyber safety.

\*\*Odisha govt has banned Paraquat, a highly toxic substance widely used as a herbicide for weed, grass control and to prevent any further loss of human lives due to poisoning cases. It has no antidote, when consumed, leads to a painful death.



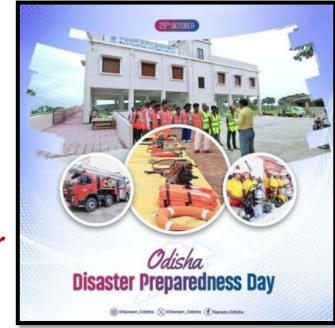
\*\*Manaswini Maharana, a native of Ganjam won a gold medal in the Yachting Association of India's (YAI) Senior National Sailing Championship, becoming the first woman in Odisha to excel in this sport. The event was held in Mumbai from September 20-26, 2023.



\*\* Odisha CM announced a cash award of Rs 2 crore for badminton player from the state Pramod Bhagat for his outstanding performance at the Asian Para Games. India defeated Japan (Women Hockey in Asian Games) Rs 3 lakh for every player and support staff. (Paris 2024 Paralympics Games)



\*\*State govt will spend Rs 2,000 crore for strengthening disaster-resilient infrastructure in Odisha. The Red Cross will be roped into disaster management training to at least 10 people from each village in the state. Automated weather and rain gauge station will come up at each panchayat in Odisha. The World Bank will provide financial assistance in this regard. Steps are being taken for stationing of at least one team of Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) in each district of the state.



\*\*A 16-member squad has been announced to represent Odisha Under 19 Men Team for the one-day Vinoo Mankad Trophy for the BCCI domestic season 2023-24. (Odisha Cricket Association (OCA) Secretary Sanjay Behera) (Aashirwad Swain has been named as the captain of the team).



\*\*Odisha govt has set a target to complete 20 ongoing mega piped water supply projects by the end of March 2024. The govt has taken 207 mega piped water supply projects worth Rs 35,920 crore. Out of which, 16 mega projects have been completed while two are under tendering process. The remaining 189 mega projects are under various stages of implementation in different districts of Odisha.

\*\*The One Health programme proposed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) will be implemented in Odisha soon. The idea of One Health, which involves public health, veterinary and environmental sectors, is to contain zoonotic diseases which spread from animals to humans like anthrax, nipah and scrub typhus through coordinated actions.

\*\*The last rites of popular Odia music director and lyricist Swaroop Nayak was performed with state honours. He was not only a musician but also a lyricist, singer and actor.



\*\*Sculptor Biswanath Rana under Bahanaga block of Balasore district has created world record for making the smallest Ashoka Emblem on the nib of a pencil. The feat has found place in World Book of Records and India Book of Records. Rana took around an hour to sculpt the miniature having size of 0.5 cm.



\*\*2 students of Govt ITI, Berhampur were honoured by the Central

govt in a programme 'Kaushal Dikshant Samaroh' organised at Delhi . Secured the 1st position by preparing a 23-ft elephant sculpture using 30,000 plastic bottles as part of the programme 'Swachhata Hi Seva' for garbage-free India.



\*\*A govt research vessel, 'Samudra Kaustubh' with 25 crew members got stuck in the Bay of Bengal after its engine developed a technical issue due to the rough sea condition under the influence of cyclone "Hamoon". The Indian Coast Guard engaged INS 'Amogha' for its rescue.



\*\*A ship of Indian Navy made emergency berthing at Paradip port in Odisha's Jagatsinghpur district. Indian Navy's survey ship, INS Darshak berthed at multipurpose berth of Paradip Port after a crew member fell sick.



\*\*Retired Chief Justice Of Orissa High Court Justice S

Muralidhar will practice law in the Supreme Court as
the top court has designated him as a Senior Advocate.



\*\* 'Rasabali', offered to deities of Sri Baladevjew Temple in Odisha's Kendrapada district, has earned the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.



\*\*Odia movie on Patnagarh parcel bomb blast case 'Mindgame' was screened at Odeon Cinema, Stillorgan in Dublin Ireland.



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Q. The famous Panchubarahi shrine (the five sisters) temple is located in which of the following district of Odisha?

- (a) Kendrapara ←—
- (b) Bhadrak
- (c) Jajpur
- (d) Mayurbhanj

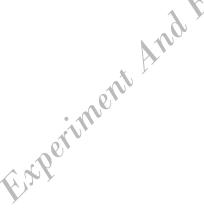


 ^As per the legend, Maa Panchubarahi (the five sisters) observe 'Mangala brata' every Tuesday to save the people of Satabhaya from the sea.

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Q. Recently, State Cabinet approved a proposed Bill for amendment of Odisha Land Reform Act \_\_\_\_\_, where the required subsection/clause of Section 4 of the Act to confer raiyati rights on the sub-tenants/under-raiyats/successor-in-interests who are in possession of land recorded as Sikkim.?

- (a) 1958
- (b) 1959
- (c) 1960←
- (d) 1961





\*\*Odisha expenditure of Budget provision 1st Half Of 2023-24 increased to 34.87% compared to 25.61% during the same period previous year.



- ...Fisheries & ARD Department achieved a growth of 158% over the previous year.
- ...Infrastructure, Energy department achieved highest growth of 2400% over the previous year.
- ...Tax revenue also registered significant growth of 14.59%

\*\*Odisha-born senior IPS officer Rashmi Ranjan Swain assumed charge as new Director General of Police (DGP) of J & K.





\*\*"Automatic Straw Processing and Packaging Machine for Oyster Mushrooms" developed by Odisha Students in the 'National Exhibition and Project Competition' has bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the country held at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi and organised by the National Innovation Foundation under the supervision of the Ministry of Science and Technology.



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#### 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

Q. Maheswar Mohanty passed away recently at the age of 67. He was the former Assembly speaker of which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

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^Mohanty was elected to the Odisha Assembly from Puri constituency five times. He
was the speaker of the assembly from 2004 to 2008.

Q. Who has been appointed as Executive Director by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (a) Manoranjan Mishra ←
- (b) Alok Mishra
- (c) Chittaranjan Mishra
- (d) Nitesh Mishra



- An Executive Director (ED) with effect from November 1, 2023. He will look after three Departments — Enforcement, Risk Monitoring, and External Investments & Operations.
- Radha Shaym Ratho is the other Odia serving as an ED in RBI since 2020.

Q. Which short-range ballistic missile did India successfully test recently at Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha Coast?

- (a) Trishul
- (b) Pralay ←
- (c) Naag
- (d) Prithvi

• This missile has been developed by Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO). 'Pralay' is a short-range, surface-to-surface missile with a range of 350-500 km, with a payload of 500-1,000 kg. It will be India's first tactical quasi-ballistic missile, featuring advanced capabilities designed to thwart interceptor missiles.

# 2023 Current Affairs MCQs + PDf

Q. Cyclonic storm 'Midhili' was recently in the news. The name 'Midhili' was given by \_\_\_\_\_\_?

- (a) India
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Maldives ←
- (d) Sri Lanka

• 'Midhili' has made a landfall near Khepupara, Bangladesh

Q. Where is the AIFF-FIFA academy, established under the FIFA Talent Development Scheme, set to be inaugurated?

- (a) Bhubaneswar, Odisha←—
- (b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (c) Kolkata, West Bengal
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu



International Association Football Federation(FIFA) chose BBSR to set up India's first AIFF-FIFA
Talent Academy to nurture football talents in the country. It has been launched under the FIFA
Talent Development Scheme and inaugurated by Arsene Wenger, FIFA Chief of Global Football
Development on 21 Nov, India Vs Qatar match.

Q. Which of the following team defeated India in the Joint Qualification campaign match for FIFA World Cup 2026 and AFC Asian Cup Saudi Arabia 2027?

- (a) Mongolia
- (b) Qatar←—
- (c) Lebanon
- (d) None of the above
- After the successful hosting of the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup and Intercontinental cup matches at the Kalinga Stadium in BBSR, AIFF has announced that Football Association of Odisha that the state will serve as the host for the much-anticipated India vs. Qatar match, a critical fixture in the FIFA World Cup 2026 and AFC Asian Cup 2027 joint qualifiers on 21 Nov,2023.

Q. Which of the following game is being hosted by Odisha from

December 24 to January 13?

- (a) Indian Super League
- (b) Ultimate Kho Kho ←—
- (c) National Para Games
- (d) None of the above
- Defending champions Odisha Juggernauts (owned by the Government of Odisha) in first edition.
- Place The Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha.
- Odisha Juggernauts, Chennai Quick Guns, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Khiladis, Rajasthan Warriors and Telugu Yoddhas.
- Season 2 is featured 145 players, including 33 young talents aged between 16 and 18.

Q. Who has been elected as Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors for 2024?

- (a) Manoranjan Mishra
- (b) Amitabh kant
- (c) Tushar Mehta
- (d) Girish Chandra Murmu



Odisha Mayurbhanj native, 14th Comptroller And Auditor General Of India Girish Chandra Murmu participated in the 63rd session of the Panel of External Auditors, held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on November 20-21, 2023 has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors for the next year.

#### Q. Cyclonic storm 'Michaung' is set to take place in the

- (a) Bay of Bengal←—
- (b) Indian Ocean
- (c) Pacific Ocean
- (d) Atlantic Ocean



 ^it is originated from the Gulf of Thailand. The name is suggested by Myanmar. It made land fall near Bapatla in Andhra Pradesh

Q. Recently, India won \_\_\_\_ no of medal in Para Badminton International tournament?

- (a) 15
- (b) 16
- (c) 17
- (d) 18 ←



- Shuttler Pramod Bhagat bagged a gold medal in SL3 singles category. Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murugesan won a gold medal in women's doubles SL3-SU5 category.
- Nehal Gupta and Naveen Sivakumar also secured a gold medal for India in men's doubles SL3-SL4 category.
   Thulasimathi Murugesan secured a silver in women's SU5 category

# Q. Which of the following country observe "Loy Krathong" in the same way like "Boita Bandana" in Odisha?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Thailand ←
- (d) Indonesia



- On the occasion of Kartika Purnima, Odisha celebrate Boita Bandana.
- In Thailand, it is called Loy Krathong. People gather around water bodies and pray to the Water Goddess. They also set afloat beautiful rafts in the shape of lotus flowers.
- The word 'loi' means to float. 'Krathong' is used to refer to a small container or basket usually made from the cellulose trunk of a banana tree. These are decorated with candles, incense and flowers. The flickering light of the candles creates magic in the water.

Q. In which of the following district, Maa Kichakeswari Temple is located?

- (a) Mayurbhanj —
- (b) Angul
- (c) Ganjam
- (d) Bhadrak



Suna Besha (golden attire) of the presiding deity Maa Kichakeswari (goddess Chamunda) is performed every year on the occasion of Kartik Purnima.

# Q. Who has been appointed as India's first Woman Aide-De-Camp (ADC) by Mizoram Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati?

- (a) Manisha Padhi ←
- (b) Anjali Singh
- (c) Avni Chaturvedi
- (d) Kavita A. Walia





 A 2015 batch Air Force (AIF) officer Squadron Leader Manisha Padhi from Berhampur, Odisha has become the country's first woman Aide-De-Camp (ADC) to Mizoram Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati. She is the first woman ADC from the Indian Armed Forces.

Q. Who laid the foundation stone for the National Skill Training

Institute Plus (NSTI Plus) in Jatni, Odisha?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Naveen Patnaik
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan—
- (d) Droupadi Murmu

• The apex organisation of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, will train 500 instructors in phase 1 under the Craftsmen Instructor Training Scheme. It will further incorporate another 500 instructors for upskilling and reskilling in a later phase.

Q. What is the grading achieved by Ravenshaw University in Odisha's Cuttack city, as per the National Assessment and

Accreditation Council (NAAC)?

- (a) A
- (b) A++ **←**
- (c) A+
- (d) A-
  - By the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- On seven parameters curricular aspects; teaching-learning and evaluation; research, innovations, and extension; infrastructure and learning resources; student support and progression; governance, leadership and management; and institutional values and best practices.
- The Britishers had established Ravenshaw College in 1868. The college was granted an autonomous status in the 1990s and finally upgraded to become a unitary university in 2006.

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with six public sector banks for providing banking services in all unbanked

gram panchayats (GPs) of the state ?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh



 These banks were the State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India, UCO Bank, Bank of India and Bank of Baroda.

Q. Which Indian state launched the 'AMA Bank' scheme to provide banking services in all Gram Panchayats?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Karnataka



#### \*\*Ama Bank:

- In order to make banking services available in unbanked panchayats of Odisha.
- CM virtually inaugurated 754 Customer Service Point (CSP) Plus banking outlets in the first phase to foster financial inclusion of rural areas. Out of 6,798 gram panchayats (GPs) in the state, 4,373 GPs do not have brick and mortar branches. The CSP Plus outlets will be opened in these GPs to cater to people's banking needs.
- The government targets to open CSP Plus outlets in 4,373 panchayats by March, 2024. It has allocated Rs 500 crore for the scheme.
- Six PSU banks have come forward to implement the scheme for which they had signed MoU with the government on September 13.

  Odisha will provide rent free banking space for 5 years. The State Government will also bear one-time expenses for Fixed Cost & Recurring expenses for a period of three years.
- Senior citizens, differently abled people and pregnant women will get door step banking services and avail the Direct Benefit Transfer of the government in a timely manner.

#### \*\*37<sup>th</sup> National games: (26 Oct – 9 Nov)

...Odisha defeated Manipur 4-2 to become the champion of the 37th National Games Women's Football competition at Tilak Maidan, at Vasco, Goa. Kishore Kumar Jena also won bronze in the men's javelin







#### \*\*4th Asian Para Games : (22 Oct – 28 Oct)

... Pramod Bhagat and Soundarya Kumar were felicitated by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and presented cash awards for their brilliant performance in the Asian Para Games at China's Hangzhou. Bhagat received Rs 2 crore and Soundarya Rs 1.5 crore. Shuttler Bhagat won gold in men's singles, and a bronze each in men's doubles and mixed doubles. Chess player Soundarya's haul was a gold in team competition and silver in individual event. Odisha rowers won a gold and two silver medals at the National Games (Shagandeep Singh and Sanjukta Dungdung, who topped the C Mix Double Sculls race.

#### \*\*Zero Fatality Week:



- Odisha govt. has decided to launch a zero fatality week from December 1 again this year and ensure stringent enforcement of traffic laws.
- It will be observed from December 1 to 7 and the government has adopted a 4E strategy education, engineering, enforcement and emergency care to ensure zero death during the week.



A total of 25,934 died and 51,873 sustained injuries in 54,790 road mishaps in Odisha during the last five years (2018-22).

- The National Road Safety Short Film Festival 2023, organised by Transport department of Odisha government, has
  received 247 entries from across the country (7 states). They have submitted their entries in form of documentary,
  experimental, narrative, fiction, non-fiction and animation format in 7 languages.
- It started from dec 1 & will be end on dec 12.
- 1st prize 1 lakh, 2nd prize 80k

#### \*\*Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha:



- 1. Rs 155 crore for Kalahandi. 2. Rs 94.5 crore for Nabarangpur. 3. Rs 456.81 crore for Sambalpur, Mayurbhanja and Malakangiri.
- 4. Rs 54.50 crore for Sonepur district. 5. Rs 251.50 crore for Ganjam. 6. Rs 178 crore for Balasore. 7. Rs 158.50 crore for Balangir.
- 8. Rs 91 crore for Rayagada. 9. Rs 39 crore for Jharsuguda. 10. Rs 120 crore for Koraput. 11. Rs 65.5 crore for Nuapada
- 12. Rs 155.5 crore for Jajpur. 13. Rs 139.50 crore for Sundergarh 14. Rs 106 crore for Dhenkanal. 15. Rs 34.50 crores For Boudh.
- 16. Rs 85.50 crore for Kandhamal. 17. Rs 112.50 crore for Angul. 18. Rs 74.50 crore for Gajapati. 19. Rs 231 crore for Puri & Nayagarh
- 17. Similarly, launched in Cuttack & Kendrapara And Khurda & Jagatsinghpur

The programme which was launched in Keonjhar concluded in Jajpur. The scheme which was launched on October 10 covered all panchayats in record 13 day programme within a period of one month.

#### \*\*Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha:



- Odisha government has renamed and modified its 'Ama Gaon Ama Bikash' initiative as 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha'.
- The state govt strives to empower women and youths and bridge critical gap in education, digital and sports facilities through the scheme. Under the scheme, each panchayat of a district will get Rs 50 lakh for development of infrastructure.
- It will preserve Jagannath culture in each village. Every place of worship will be developed. Heritage sites will be preserved. Because, Preservation and protection of these cultural and heritage sites is essential for our future generations.
- Main objective of the scheme is to develop digital infrastructure in villages. The villagers will get internet and banking services. Science Park, skill development centres will be set up and the villages would become work hub.
- The scheme was launched on October 10 with a budget provision of Rs 3397 crore. Total 90,723 projects will be implemented in 6794 panchayats across the state and an amount of Rs 10 lakh will be allocated for every village as part of the scheme.
- 5 gifts for women. Those are daily meal at Rs 5, financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to every pregnant woman, travelling in buses under LAccMI scheme at Rs 5, loan amounting to Rs 5 lakh to each Mission Shakti and additional treatment cost of Rs 5 lakh under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana.

#### \*\*Rajni Kant Singh:



...A four-time MLA from Angul constituency. He had been serving as the Deputy Speaker of the assembly since 2019. He resigned on November 8, 2023.

...The election to the post of Deputy Speaker held on November 21 with the commencement of the winter session of Odisha Assembly, it will last till Dec 30, but it held for 4 days.

.... Two-time MLA Saluga Pradhan from G Udayagiri in Kandhamal has been nominated for the post of Deputy Speaker.

#### \*\*Capital Foundation Awards:



- SAI International School chairperson Silpi Sahoo and noted physician Prof CBK Mohanty were conferred with Capital Foundation Awards 2023 in New Delhi organized by NGO Capital Foundation Society.
- Sahoo received Pratibha Patnaik Woman Achiever Award from Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, in contributions to transformative education and remarkable achievements in school administration and management.
- Prof Mohanty a Cuttack-based renowned specialist in Medicine and former Director of Medical Education and Training, he is at present the vice chancellor of Kalinga Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar.



- Odisha government signed a trade agreement in 6 sectors of agriculture, industry, tourism, MSME, metals and minerals with Vinh Long province of Vietnam.
- The agreement was signed between the Vietnamese delegates and officials of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) department.
- It is based on export of goods.

Q. Who launched the "New Education for New India" campaign

organized by Brahma Kumaris at Sambalpur?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (c) Naveen Patnaik
- (d) Droupadi Murmu ←



• The main aim of the campaign is to inculcate values and uplift the consciousness of students for a better society. On Nov 22, the President became the chief guest at the launch of the 'National Education Campaign — Rising India through Spiritual Empowerment' organised by Brahma Kumaris at Sambalpur.

#### \*\*Twice Odisha Visit in November : Droupadi Murmu

... (20, 21 & 22 Nov)

She inaugurated an Eklavya Model Residential School at Kuliana, Mayurbhanj. 87 EMRS have been allotted for Odisha of which 19 are being set up in Mayurbhanj district.

Murmu had attended the inaugural session of the 36th Annual Conference and Literary Festival of All India Santali Writers' Association at Baripada. She embarked on a 32-km train journey from Badampahar railway station to Rairangpur, her native place in Mayurbhanj district after flagging off three new trains — Tatanagar-Badampahar Memu, Badampahar-Rourkela Express and Shalimar-Badampahar Express. She attended the 15th annual convocation of the Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla.

...(26, 27 Nov)

She arrived in Bhubaneswar on Nov 26 and attend the 'Boita Bandan Ustav' organised by the Paradip Port Authority on November 27 in Jagatsinghpur.

Q. In the first phase, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 37 PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas and 26 PM SHRI Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha ←
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- PM SHRI scheme was started on September 7, 2022 to cover 14,500 schools across the country at a cost of Rs 28,000 crore. Total 6,000 schools have been selected for the first phase and 4,000 more schools will be included in the 2nd phase.
- Total 97 Central schools in Odisha have been brought under the scheme. While the government had sanctioned Rs 50.8 crore for these schools for 2023-24, Rs 12.7 crore has already been paid.
- The Centre would provide a grant of Rs 2 crore to each school, which is a part of National education Policy 2020.

#### \*\*'Aama Kunipila' programme:



- CM announced 'Aama Kunipila' programme on the occasion of Children's Day. (Nov\_14, Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, on his birth anniversary)
- It is formulated by the Women and Child Development (WCD) department.
- This scheme will help 17 lakh children for helping brain development in the first 1000 days of their lives through various means including engaging them with toys made by parents.

#### \*\*'Ama Hospital' Scheme: 5 year project (2023-24 to 2027-28)

...An initiative under 5T, the scheme aims at strengthening public health infrastructure for improved standards of care and wellbeing of the patient and better basic amenities for patients and their attendants, and give a +Ve patient experience. This transformation initiative



envisages ensuring patient-friendly healthcare services with dignity to every single person who visits public health facilities.

- Improved patient waiting area with all basic patient amenities
- Help Desk with maps for enhanced patient support in terms of guiding patients and attendants to access the services
- More Drug Distribution Counters for quick dispensing of Drugs
- Uniform branding, signages and prototypes within the campus for easy navigating within the facility
- Digital Display Boards for improved public awareness & uniform entrance fates for better visibility
- Queue management and patient calling system to reduce overcrowding in service areas
- Online registration system for better patient management
- Laboratory report on phone to avoid multiple visit to hospitals
- Mission Shakti Cafe within the hospital premises for easy access to refreshment requirements
- Aahaar Kendras for providing quality food in subsidised rate
- ...A sum of Rs 3388.73 crore have been provisioned to the scheme for 5 year.

The Odisha govt has decided to set up eight new urban primary health centres (UHPC) in different districts of the state under the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM).

The state govt has transformed 147 health facilities into high-case load facilities in the first phase under the 5T initiative 'Ama Hospital'.



#### \*\*5C Concept:

- To further widen the scope of its Mo School Abhiyan, the Odisha govt is now planning to expand the 5C concept in more schools in the state next year. Mo School Abhiyan was launched by the state government on Nov 14, in 2017.
- 5C is an integral part of the Mo School Abhiyan. The aim is to connect the alumni with students through 'Connect'.
   Similarly, by Collaboration, the aim is to bring all the stake holders together who can collaborate in imparting education to the students.
- 5C Connect, Collaborate, Contribute, Create and finally, Celebrate.

#### \*\*Brahmani River:



- An MoU between Department of Water Resources, Odisha and IIT Guwahati was signed for "Physical and Mathematical River Modeling Study for Brahmani River Delta Rejuvenation. (Water Resources Minister Tukuni Sahu)
- River Brahmani, the 2nd largest river of Odisha, forms after confluence of rivers Sankha & South Koel at Rourkela in Sundargarh district. Catchment contributed by Odisha (57%), Jharkhand (40%) and Chhatisgarh (3%).
- This river flows through the districts: Sundargarh, Deogarh, Anugul, Dhenkanal, Cuttack, Jajpur & Kendrapara.
- At 130 km of the river a dam is constructed at Rengali & a barrage at Samal about 35.00 km downstream of Rengali
  Dam. The released water from Samal Barrage as well as that from intermediate catchment flows into the deltaic area
  at Pankapal. Then bifurcates into two arms: Brahmani to the right and Kharasuan to the left.
- Two anicuts were constructed during British era on river Brahmani at Jenapur and on river Kharasuan at Jokadia.
- At about 12 Km downstream of Jenapur, at Bedapur, the river Brahmani again bifurcates into two arms Brahmani on left and Kelua on right and reunites at Indupur.
- Finally, the river Kharasuan confluences with Brahmani at Madhusudanpur. The Brahmani joins the river Baitarani before falling into Bay of Bengal at Dhamra.

\*\*Integrated Youth Development Programme (IYDP):



- To encourage the youths to take active participation in sports, culture and social work, Odisha govt has launched a new scheme under Integrated Youth Development Programme (IYDP). It will cover 687 higher education institutions including all government, government aided colleges and universities.
- The institutions will organise competitions among the students in the field of sports, culture and social work related activities from November 15 to December 31. Later, youth festivals will be organised under the scheme at the district and state levels.

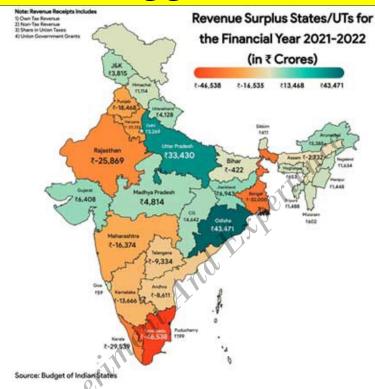
#### \*\*Biju Swasthya Kalayan Yojana :

- 816 super speciality and world-class hospitals from private sector have partnered with Odisha govt for delivering medical services under the Biju Swasthya Kalayan Yojana (BSKY).
- 160 super speciality hospitals from 16 states including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Telangana, Karnataka, Delhi, Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have partnered with Odisha for implementation of BSKY. Similarly, 656 hospitals from different districts of the state. Besides, around 8530 government hospitals have been providing quality health services under the scheme.
- The Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana launched on 15th August, 2018 aims to provide Universal Health coverage, with special emphasis on the health protection of economically vulnerable families.
- A. Free health services for all (irrespective of income, status or residence) in all State Government health care facilities starting from Sub center level to Government Medical College and Hospitals and all Government Blood Bank level. All treatment is cashless and no document is required to be produced.
- B. Annual health coverage of Rs. 5 lakh per annum (Rs. 10lakh for women members) per family per annum in private empanelled hospitals within and outside the State & all Government Hospitals and premier health institutes outside the State. All Biju Krushak Kalyan Yojana card holders, BPL card holder, AAY card holders and low income families are covered under this benefit.

#### \*\*International convention on millet on Nov 9, 10:

- The Odisha govt organised an international convention on millet on November 9 and 10 to promote cultivation and consumption of the cereal. Odisha is the first state to organise an international convention on millets to promote the ancient grains. The state govt is making all efforts to make Odisha a major global player in millets by 2036. The United Nations has declared 2023 as International Year of Millets.
- The convention at Janta Maidan focused on the tribal heritage of millets and showcase success stories of millet entrepreneurship of Mission Shakti groups.
- Odisha Governor Raghubar Das asserted that the Centre is transforming "local millet into a global brand".
- These crops often grow in arid regions with very little chemical inputs. Millets are also high in micronutrients compared to rice and wheat and have higher protein content, which is why they are often called "climate-smart crops".
- The theme of the programme is 'Millets-Ancient Grains for Modern Challenges'.
- Mandia Divas (Millet Day) 10 November,2022
- The state Cabinet has approved a proposal to spend Rs 2,687 crore in four years starting 2023-24 fiscal for promotion of millets in Odisha.
- also set a target to procure 8 lakh quintal of ragi during the financial year 2023-24.

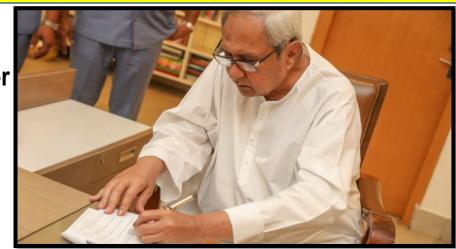
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- According to a report, in 2021-2022 financial year Odisha's revenue surplus stood at a whopping Rs 43,471 crore.
- Odisha is followed by Uttar Pradesh which had a revenue surplus of Rs 33,430 crore, while that of Delhi is Rs 3,269 crore. Odisha has been a revenue surplus State after 2004-05.
- While Tamilnadu has the highest revenue deficit of 46,538 crore, Rajasthan has a revenue deficit of Rs 25,869 crore,
   Maharashtra Rs 16,374 crore

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- CM approved Rs 296.5 crore for construction of two instream storage structures in Balangir district. one structure will be built over Sungarh river at Sikuan/Siletkani and another over Ang river at Kutasingha.
- CM approved two Instream Storage Structure projects for Sundergarh district and sanctioned Rs 386.25 crore for the two projects. (Bhasma Instream Storage Structure Project on Ib River and Phulbari Instream Storage Structure Project on Sapei River.)



- CM approved two instream storage structures to be implemented at a cost of Rs 86.25 crore. Rs.41.25 Cr Murlijhar project will be taken up in Kalahandi district, Rs. 45 Cr for Damodarpur instream storage structure will be implemented in Mayurbhanj.
- Rs 104 crore for Bargarh on river Ang at Mandiadhip.
- Rs. 324 Cr for boudh on Salki River named as Satigat Instream Storage.
- These will be helpful in the increase of the groundwater level, drinking water projects, fish farming, Cattle farming, animal husbandry, irrigation etc.

**INSTREAM STORAGE STRUCTURES** 

### \*\*Suresh Chandra Mahapatra:



...Former chief secretary and chairperson of Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) Suresh Chandra Mahapatra has been appointed as the Chief Advisor, chief minister's office (CMO).

- 1. Tourism Infrastructure Development and Promotion of Odisha Tourism
- 2. Special Development Council and SCSTRTI
- 3. Odisha Millet Mission
- 4. Odia Language and Culture related special initiatives including State Archives, State (Craft & Tribal Museum).
- 5. Odisha Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies; Maritime Museum
- 6. Odia University, Odia Virtual Academy
- 7, Strengthening of Archaeological efforts in the State
- 8. Promotion and modernisation of libraries
- 9. Initiatives towards comprehensive and advanced cancer care and cancer research eco-system

#### \*\*SCRIPS Scheme:



- The State Cabinet approved a proposal of additional financial requirement of Rs. 469.39 Crs in respect of the scheme State Capital Region Improvement in Power System (SCRIPS) under CMPDP to be implemented by OPTCL by FY 2024-25 for expansion of existing transmission & distribution infrastructure in the State Capital region.
- In order to meet the increasing power demand and to ensure quality and reliable power supply to the consumers, the Cabinet had approved the scheme SCRIPS in 2015-16 with an approved outlay of Rs. 1492.07 Crs.
- The scheme includes the construction of Grid and primary sub-station with GIS technology, laying of UG Cabling and other state-of-the-art features such as SCADA, Smart Grid etc. At present, some of the projects under the scheme have been completed and some are under implementation.
- However, in line with the current power demand scenario of the capital region, the scope of the scheme has been changed with addition of some of the projects which have led to the revision of the estimated project cost to Rs 1961.46 crs.
- The projects under SCRIPS will be executed under the umbrella scheme Chief Minister's Power Development
   Programme (CMPDP) meant for the development of the power infrastructure of the State. The projects is mainly meet
   the power demand of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar and its adjoining localities.

\*\*Berhampur University signed an (MoU) with the Department of Vernacular Language and Literature (DLLV), Federal University of Santa Catarina (FUSC), Brazil for collaborative research in the common area of interest.

\*\*In order to place itself in global stage, the Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) has started implementation of the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM). Deoranjan Kumar Singh, OMC Chairman and Additional Chief Secretary, Steel & Mines department, Balwant Singh, Managing Director. OMC's production was more than 30 Million tons in Last Year.



\*\*FIH Women's Junior World Cup Hockey.
Five Odisha girls have been named.
Venue/Date: Chile from Nov 29 to Dec 10.
Goalkeeper Madhuri Kindo, midfielders Jyoti
Chhatri and Sujata Kujur, forwards Dipi Monika
Toppo and Sunelita Toppo.



\*\*Odisha govt clamped a 7-month-long prohibition on sea fishing activity within 20 km of the coast at the mouths of rivers Dhamara, Devi and Rusikulya to ensure the safety of marine animals like Olive Ridley turtles during their mating and breeding season. The measure is taken every year, will remain in force from November 1 to May 31 in accordance with the provisions of the Orissa Marine Fishing Regulation Act (OMFRA), 1982 and the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972

\*\*Mahesh Amalean, Chairman of MAS Holdings, a global apparel textile company CEO, visited CMO and show portfolio of his company(HQ-Sri Lanka). The manufacturing project can provide more than 5000 employment. Unit will be opened in Khurda.



\*\*Writer, critic and linguist Subhendra Mohan Srichandan Singh passed away. 'Bal Sahitya Puraskar' by the Sahitya Akademi for his contribution in the field of children's literature. Odisha Sahitya Akademi in 2010 for his book 'Tikipari.'



\*\*An assistant professor Dr Sanjeeb Mishra in the department of Community Medicine at Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR), Burla, recently received the prestigious National Academic Excellence Award from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) for his contribution in shaping the future healthcare workforce by research and education. (Total Five in country)



\*\*Renowned cardiologist Dr Jadunath Prasad Das passed away. He was the 6th qualified cardiologist of India. He pioneered cardiology in Odisha and is considered as the "Father of Cardiology".



\*\*41 workers from different state trapped after the collapse of an under-construction tunnel named Silkyara on the Brahmakhal-Yamunotri national highwayin Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. CM handed Rs 2 lakh to each labourers. 5 from Odisha.



\*\* Senior pro Biplab Samantaray lead in the Vijay Hazare Trophy (50-over) competition. Odisha senior men's selection committee chairperson Amiya Ray and head coach Dinesh Mongia. (23 Nov-16 Dec) (1.Haryana, 2.Rajasthan)



\*\*Odisha Wind Energy Summit – Investor Round Table: BBSR. Odisha govt has attracted investment of around Rs 4,940 crore to produce 575 MW of wind energy.



\*\*The govt-run-Industrial Training Institute (ITI) in Odisha's Berhampur claimed it has become the first ITI in the country where nearly half of its students became certified energy literates. This means the students are now well aware of energy conservation, use of renewable energy and curbing of carbon footprints, which are caused by global warming. Out of 3300 students of the institute, around 1600 of them have become certified energy literates.

\*\*Senior journalist Sarat Mishra passed away



\*\*Sudarshan Pattnaik was awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree at the 10th convocation of Sri Sri University in BBSR from Sri Sri Ravishankar.



\*\*Aditya Patnaik(19) of Odisha's Sambalpur district will represent India at the prestigious Rotax Max Challenge Grand Finals (International Karting Circuit) that

will be held in Bahrain from 2 Dec to 9 Dec, where participants are more than 80 countries. He got this chance, after he emerged as champion in the senior max category at the National Karting Championship 2023 that was held at the Meco Kartopia Circuit in Bengaluru on October 28.



\*\*The 9th edition, 5-day Chilika Shelduck Folk Carnival-2023 took place on the premises of Odi Art Centre at Barkul near Balugoan in Ganjam district and inaugurated by renowned craftsman and expert on Pattachitra painting Sudhir Kumar Maharana. The festival, showcasing Odisha's art, culture and heritage. Performance of Sahi Yatra of Puri, Mask Dance of Suyeong Yaru Conservation Association by South Korea artists, Animal Dance of Bhanjanagar, Purulia Chau of West Bengal, Mask Dance of Athamallik, Jhumar Dance of Jharkhand and group dance by Athamallik artists enthralled the audience.



\*\*CM felicitated with Rs 10,50,000 to ace shooter Shriyanka Sadangi (Sambalpur)

for her remarkable performance at the 15th Asian Shooting Championship 2023 held in South Korea. She won a gold medal for India at the 50m rifle 3 positions team event and a bronze medal at the 10 m air rifle team event.



\*\*Union Minister of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off of the extension of Banaras-Sambalpur-Banaras bi-weekly Express up to Visakhapatnam from Sambalpur Railway Station.



\*\*Odisha CM dedicated 349 ambulances to the people of the state for better patient care. Out of the 349 ambulances, 279 will be managed under 108 emergency ambulance service and the rest 70 will be deployed at the medical colleges and district hospitals for transportation of Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) patients referred to private hospitals. Out of these, 30 are Advanced Life Support (ALS) and 40 are Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances. (Total\_1366)



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Q. A Mission Shakti delegation from Odisha undertook a three-day visit to \_\_\_\_ in an effort to showcase the achievements of the initiative and provide global exposure to its leaders.

- (a) USA
- (b) Dubai ←
- (c) France
- (d) Japan





Mission Shakti Minister Basanti Hembram.

\*\*The State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA) of Odisha approved 12 projects with a combined investment of Rs 2,794.47 crore in various sectors, which would generate employment for approximately 4,715 individuals, at its 123rd meeting chaired by chief secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena.

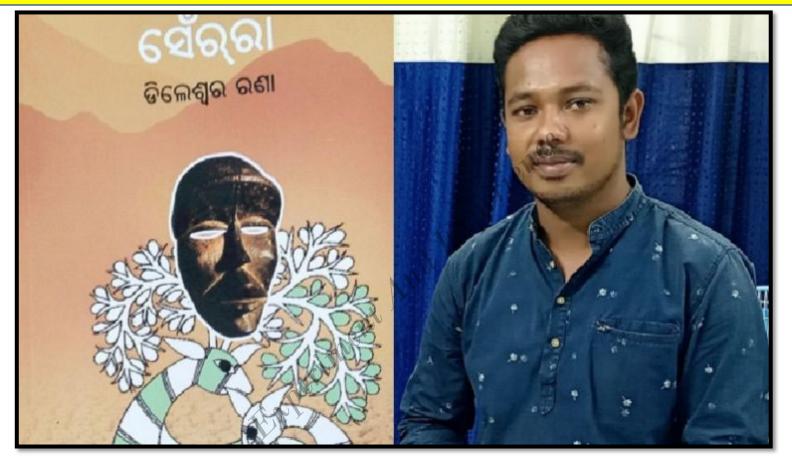


\*\*Odisha's (SLSWCA) has approved 8 major projects worth Rs 1397.18 crore at its 124th meeting, chaired by Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena. The projects

entail investment in plastic, technical textile and aluminium sectors across 6 districts.

Companies will invest :(Sintex BAPL Limited, Hindalco Industries Ltd in Sambalpur) KAI Steel Private Limited etc.





- Young writer from Kalahandi, Dileswar Rana has been selected for Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for 2023 in Odia literature. His book name is 'Seranra', a compilation of short stories.
- Sahitya Akademi president Madhav Kaushik.
- Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar includes a copper plaque and Rs 50,000.

### \*\*Mukhyamantri Maschyajibi Kalyan Yojana (MMKY):



- CM launched MMKY having 16 programmes for fishermen on the occasion of World Fisheries Day (November 21).
- The government will spend Rs 448 crore for the fishing community this financial year.
- Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain.
- More than 11,000 women self-help groups, 50,000 fish farmers and more than 1 lakh fishermen will get the benefit.
- The prime objective of the scheme is to increase fish production, create employment opportunities, and empower women and above all to develop the economy of the state
- fish production has increased four times in the last 20 years. Marine fish exports have reached Rs 4500 crore. Odisha is the first state in the country to bring Odisha Fisheries Policy-2015 and Odisha Reservoir Fisheries Policy-2012 to increase fish production. The State became self-reliant in the production of fish oil today.
- Pisciculture The breeding, rearing and tranplantation of fish by artificial means is called pisciculture. Pisciculture is a process of growing fish and selling it or using its products for domestic or commercial use. Fish can be grown both in salt water or fresh water.

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Q. Which pavilion received the prestigious gold medal for "Excellence in Display" in the State Pavilion category at IITF-2023?

- (a) Delhi Pavilion
- (b) Maharashtra Pavilion
- (c) Gujarat Pavilion
- (d) Odisha Pavilion ←—



### \*\*42<sup>nd</sup> edition India International Trade Fair: 2023 (14 days)

- At Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, several cultural troupes from Odisha performed on the occasion. Several departments of the state government have opened 24 stalls at the Odisha Pavilion at the trade fair. These stalls are displaying various handloom and handicrafts products from different regions of Odisha. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" theme
- 1. Rich tradition and culture of the state.
- 2. The silk works of Odisha and the depiction on the maritime history of the state have become the main attraction for the visitors.
- 3. Live demonstration on the weaving of Lord Jagannath's Khandua Pata by skilled artisans.
- 4. Various products of Mission Shakti Self-help Groups and foods made from millets.
- 5. DMF Keonjhar's work in a stall.
- 6. Date palm jaggery and sugar. Etc

### **Information & Public Relations Department Minister Pradeep Kumar Amat**



### IITF - India International Trade Fair





- Odisha has adopted a new non-violent method where silk is extracted without killing silkworms for making traditional 'Patta' sarees. The new silk is named 'Karuna Silk' as compassion is involved in the procedure instead of killing silkworms. A typical mulberry silk saree is produced by killing 10-20 thousand silkworms. Similarly in the traditional process, 5-7 thousand silkworms lose their life in the making of a tasar silk saree.
- Odisha grows three types of silk Mulberry, Tasar & Eri. Out of these, Eri silkworms are reared in this new and compassionate method under the brand name of 'Karuna Silk'.

#### \*\*Odisha Research Centre:



- Odisha Governor Raghubar Das and Chhattisgarh governor Biswabhusan Harichandan jointly inaugurated the 'Odisha Research Centre' (ORC) in Bhubaneswar at CSIR-IMMT campus.
- Objectives The Odisha Research Centre will research art, culture, archaeology, tradition, literature and sociology of Odisha, political process and political culture, agriculture, commerce, business and industry, development trends of contemporary Odisha, science & technology and healthcare, and future technology. The Centre will also work on smart cities, climate change, environmental protection and sustainable development, semiconductors, and rare earths and advanced minerals.

#### \*\*Dr Ramakanta Panda:



nd Experience



- A renowned cardiac surgeon and passionate wildlife photographer Dr Ramakanta Panda, who performed a heart bypass surgery on former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh. He had organized a photo exhibition at Jehangir Art Gallery in Mumbai. (November 22 to 27)
- During two day visit of CM to Mumbai, he attended the Photo exhibition & unveiled his coffee table book 'Heartbeats'.



- NABARD observed & red flags low Milk Production in Odisha. Odisha is lagging far behind other states in dairy sector growth calling for an immediate intervention by the state govt to address the growing demand for milk and ensure the economic development of poor and marginal farmers.
- Though Odisha is among the top 10 states with maximum number of cattle in the country, it was at 18th spot in the list of states as per the volume of milk production in 2021-22. The per capita availability of milk in the state is 144 gram per a day against the national average of 444 gram. It should be 300 gm/day.
- Reasons: low production capacity of existing cattle stock, shortage of fodder, lack of veterinary services, absence
  of timely Artificial Insemination (AI) service delivery, large number of dormant/less functional milk co-operative
  societies and majority of the animals present in the state are of low-productive nature.



- Odisha govt organised a state-level function in Bhubaneswar to observe the National Milk Day for the first time.
- Minister of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Ranendra Pratap Swain.
- Milk production in the state has increased threefold during the last two decades, the govt is providing financial
  assistance upto Rs 1 crore for entrepreneurship development in dairy sector under Mukhyamantri Krushi Udyog
  Yojana.
- Financial assistance of Rs 1.18 lakh is being provided to the farmers to establish small dairy units with two buffalos
  as a measure of providing livelihood and multiplying their income.

### \*\*National Gopal Ratna Awards:



- Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala confered the National Gopal Ratna Awards at the Veterinary College Ground, Guwahati, Assam.
- The National Gopal Ratna Award is one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector, with an objective to recognize and encourage all individuals like Farmers rearing indigenous animals, Al Technicians, and Dairy cooperative societies / Milk Producer Company/Dairy farmers Producers Organizations working in this sector.
- The Award is conferred in three categories:
- 1. Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle/buffalo Breeds
- 2. Best Dairy Cooperative/ Milk Producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organization)
- 3. Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT)
- Anil Kumar Pradhan from Odisha's Angul received the second prize in the category of Best Artificial Insemination Technician (AIT).

  (3 Lakh Prize)



- Odisha has won two National level Awards at the prestigious Annual India Sanitation Coalition (ISC)-FICCI Sanitation
   Awards ceremony in New Delhi.
- Housing and Urban Development Department's 'Garima' programme for the safety, dignity and welfare of Core Sanitation Workers (CSWs) won in the 'Best Skilling Initiative in Sanitation' category and Meghna Sahoo, President of Transgender Swikruti SHG managing the Faecal Sludge Septage Plant (FSTP) at Basuaghai in Bhubaneswar, was awarded in the Women Changemakers in Sanitation category.



- 3 Proposal Approval
- 1. A sum of Rs 491.41 crore approved for urgent repairs, renovation, and reconstruction of the infrastructure at Odisha International School of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT). The sanctioned amount will be spent between 2023-24 and 2027-28.
- 2. Upgrading Odisha State Workflow Automation System (OSWAS), an advanced IT solution introduced to bring in enhanced transparency and accountability in transaction of government business.

\*\*The All India Football Federation announced that the Kalinga Super Cup will be organised in Odisha starting from 9 Jan to 28 Jan 2024 in two different venues.



\*\*Odisha's Tanvi Patri struck gold at the 35th Sub-Junior (U-13) National Badminton Championship by winning the girls' singles event and Odisha SAI Regional Badminton Academy trainee Tejashwini bagged gold in the girls' doubles title. It was organised by Odisha State Badminton Association in Balangir.



\*\*Deepa Sahoo from Cuttack, who has obtained PhD Degree in Biology from Utkal University, will be conferred the 'Presidential Award 2023' at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on Dec 30 as the first transgender from the country.



\*\*The Indian Coast Guard conducted a two-day regional-level pollution response exercise at Paradip. The event, which witnessed representatives from the concerned stakeholders from Odisha and West Bengal(Nov 22-23). The aim of the exercise was to improve coordination and enhance readiness amongst various agencies towards combating oil pollution at sea.



\*\*The makers of Phalguna Chaitra movie have independently submitted an original sound track 'Smruti Bunijae Jibana' from the Odia film for Oscars 2024.



\*\*A landmark achievement, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry,

Govt of India has successfully facilitated the first-ever shipment of cashew nuts comprising 2 metric tons of premium quality from the State of Odisha to Bangladesh. This monumental step not only strengthens economic ties between the two nations but also opens up new avenues for the agricultural sector in Odisha.



\*\*Bargarh, Dhanu Yatra, the world's largest open-air theatre, in western Odisha town will take off on January 15, 2024 for 11 days. It is based on Krishna Leela and will showcase the mythological story of Krishna and his uncle Kansa. During the festival, Bargarh transforms into Mathura. River Jeera symbolically represents river Yamuna and Ambapali, which is located on the other side of Jeera, turns into Gopapur.

\*\*Odisha Millets Mission has been conferred with the Poshak Anaaj Award for "Global Model for Millet Promotion" from Governor of Telangana Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan at the International Nutri-Cereals Convention 5.0 (INCC) in Hyderabad. (Nov 27 and 28)



\*\*State-owned Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC) is exploring plans to set up two coal mines in Odisha.

\*\*A woman Sarpanch in Nuapada district, Saroj Devi Agrawal has adopted a novel way to fight the plastic menace. She opened a 'Bartan Bank' to supply utensils to villagers to organize community feasts during social functions.



\*Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated a Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) and laid foundation stones of six projects worth Rs 250 crore on NIT-Rourkela campus.

\*\* Odisha has earned Rs 50,000 crore revenue from the mining sector in the financial year 2021-22, revealed in 77th annual technical meeting of Indian Institute of Metals(IIM) and National Metallurgist Award(NMA) ceremony. The mining sector has changed the financial situation of the state as revenue from the industrial activity increased ten-fold from just Rs 4,900 crore in the 2016-17 fiscal.(22-24 Nov)

\*\*The Centre has set apart Rs 100 crore for the projects aimed at introducing Vedas and Indian languages in curriculum. Students who clear Class X (Veda Bhushan) and Class XII (Veda Vibhushan) examinations offered by Vedic boards will now be eligible to join any college for higher education, including medicine and engineering.

\*\*Bangalore-based Odia scientist turned author Subhransu Mohapatra's book "Beyond Obvious: Odisha-Karnataka Relationship over the ages" was inaugurated on the occasion of Karnataka Rajyostava Day at Bangalore Int. Center. The book details the relationship between Odisha and Karnataka since Mauryan period till today.



\*\*26 artisans and craftsmen of Odisha were felicitated during the 'Sammaan Samaroh of Vishwakarma Gurus' under the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme. They will act as brand ambassadors of the scheme.

\*On mosquito breeding season, BMC has released western Gambusia fish in drains to combat Dengue and Malaria menace and bring them under control.



\*\*Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University (SOA) has launched a centre, which will provide its students an opportunity to learn foreign languages like French, Swahili and Arabic.



\*\*The Odisha government has appointed Susanta Nanda as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Chief Wildlife Warden.



\*\*Rourkela will be getting the first velodrome in Odisha. A velodrome is a cycling track with steeply banked curves. Minister for Labour and ESI, Sarada Nayak



\*\*In order to promote Kho Kho talents, Odisha government has signed an MoU with Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel (AM/NS) India to establish a highperformance centre at Kalinga Stadium in BBSR.



\*The Odisha govt has signed MoUs with three entities to build an ecosystem for the manufacturing of semiconductors.(India Electronic and Semiconductor Association (IESA), global semiconductor giant Synopsys and Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC).)

\*\*A 7 feet statue of Birsa Munda has been installed at Kalapahada Chhak in Odisha's Joda municipality Keonjhar to celebrate the legendary freedom fighter, social reformer and revered tribal leader.



\*\*The special healthcare drone delivery service was launched in Rayagada district after Kandhmal. Redwing's electric hybrid drones will deliver medicine and medical equipment to tribal dominated areas.

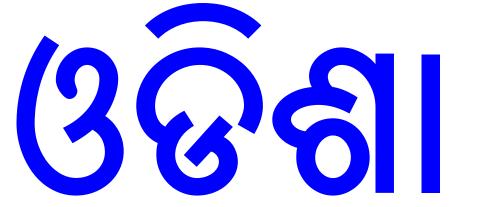


\*\*The 9 edition of the National Children Literary Fest (NCLF) of the KiiT International School (KiiT-IS), will be held over the weekend. More than 1000 students from 75 schools across the country will attend the event. Indian music composer and three-time Grammy award winner, Dr Ricky Kej; and G20 Sherpa and former CEO of Niti Aayog Amitabh Kant will interact with students during the 2-day event. Children's writer Padma Bhushan Ruskin Bond will also participate virtually.



\*\*The Odisha govt is to shift Capital Hospital to Chandrasekharpur-Patia area in the city. Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER). The PGIMER will remain at its present location in Unit-6 area of the city.









# Current Affairs December 2023

Experiment And Experience

#### \*\*Pabitra Mohan pradhan:







- Nehru Shatabdi Hospital of MCL medical college and hospital at Talcher in Angul district of Odisha has been renamed after freedom fighter and former Deputy CM Prabitra Mohan Pradhan and a 511m long bridge over Brahmani river at Kaniha will also be named
- Prabitra Mohan Pradhan was born on 8 February 1908 in the village Poipal in Angul district. He completed his I.A. and B.A. from Ravenshaw College, and finally B.Ed. Then he became a teacher at Talcher high school. Since 1952 he took part in all elections to the state assembly and became MLA and Minister in different phases. He died in 1988.

#### \*\*2022: NCRB Report:

- Odisha saw 24% decrease in cases of crime against women in 2022 compared to the previous year, according to the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) annual crime report.
- The state reported 23,648 cases of crime against women in 2022, compared to 31,352 in 2021 and 25,489 in 2020. (Mayurbhanj, Ganjam, Kendrapada)
- Across India in 2022, the state stood fourth in rate of total crime against women at 103%
- after Haryana (118.7), Telangana (117), Rajasthan (115.1).
- Odisha reported an increase in over-all crime figures with 1,78,190 cases in 2022 against 1,55,420 in 2021.
- Crime against children cases rised to 8,240 in 2022 compared to 7,899 in 2021. (4.31%)
- The state saw a decline in murders with 1,379 cases being reported in 2022 against 1,394 in 2021.
- Odisha recorded 542 cases under the IT Act for cyber crime offences against women in the state during 2022. Uttar Pradesh followed Odisha with 457 cases while Karnataka registered 235 cases.

Across India, overall crime rate declined from 7% in 2021 to 6.9% in 2022. There was 24% rise in cybercrimes in 2022 compared to 2021. Other categories of crime – including economic offences (11%), crimes against senior citizens (9.3%), against women (4%), children (8.7%), Scheduled Castes (13.1%) and Scheduled Tribes (14.3%) – too recorded an increase.



- Odisha Vigilance has topped among all states in the country in detection and registration of disproportionate assets (DA) cases in 2022.As per recently published Crime in India-2022 by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), total 372 DA cases were registered in the country during the year. Of those, Odisha accounted for 85 cases.
- Similarly, with registration of 84 corruption cases on the allegation of criminal misconduct (misappropriation of government funds),
   Odisha Vigilance has bagged 3rd place in the country.
- It has also secured 3rd position by filing chargesheets in 321 cases during the year.
- Odisha Vigilance was 2nd among all Anti-Corruption Agencies of the states with 124 accused persons convicted for corruption related offences.
- In taking proactive action of dismissal/removal of public servants from government service in 2022, Odisha ranked 3rd highest.
- Further, for awarding major punishments to accused persons involved in Vigilance cases in the year, Odisha was 2nd highest in the country.

# Q. Which of the following short Range Ballistic Missile has been launched successfully from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha?

- (a) Agni 1 ←
- (b) Agni 2
- (c) Agni 3
- (d) Agni 4



- This training launch was carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command (SFC)
  and it is a very high precision missile system. In June this year, the training launch of MediumRange Ballistic Missile, Agni-1 was successfully carried out in Odisha. The Agni 1 to 4 missiles,
  which are already deployed, have ranges varying between 700 km to 3,500 km.
- A nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni-V, having a strike range of 5,000 km was successfully test-fired in December last year.

### Q. Srabani Nanda belongs to which of the following sports?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Sprinter←
- (c) Gymnastic
- (d) Swimmer



Ace Odisha sprinter Srabani Nanda was felicitated by the state's Sports & Youth Services
Department for her outstanding performance in the 37th National Games recently and the
National Open meet. She received Rs 5 lakh and Rs 3 lakh for winning gold in 200m and silver
in 100m, respectively, at the National Games. She was also awarded Rs 60,000 and Rs 40,000
for gold and silver medals, respectively, in the 61st National Open Championship 2022, and
62nd National Open Championship 2023.

### **Thank You For Watching**

Q. Recently Cm Approved 65 Cr for the development of Tusura airstrip. In which of the following district it is located?

- (a) Bargarh
- (b) Balangir**←**
- (c) Sambalpur
- (d) Mayurbhanj

Utkela in Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi d

Nearest airport to this airstrip is Utkela in Bhawanipatna in Kalahandi district.

### Thank You For Watching

#### \*\*All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF):



- Odisha hosted India's one and only environmental film festival, on December 2 and 4.
- Actress Alia Bhatt's production house Eternal Sunshine Productions has teamed up with ALT EFF 2023 to use the
  power of cinema to address environmental topics.
- Feature Film Between the rains, Patrick and the Whales,
- Short Film Wild Hope: Coffee For Water, The Mangrove Family
- Six short films was screened in Koinpur of Rayagada block, Gajapati district, while two feature films and five short films in Mohuda near Berhampur.

#### \*\*Odisha Bigyan Academy Announced Biju Patnaik Award for 2021 & 2022:



- Prof Pravat Kumar Mohapatra from Sambalpur and Prof Bidyut Kumar Das from SCB Medical College and Hospital in Cuttack will receive the 'Biju Patnaik Award' for Scientific Excellence for the years 2021 and 2022, respectively. The award carries cash of Rs 2 lakh along with a medallion, memento, citation.
- In the category of 'Samanta Chandrasekhar Award', Prof Hrudayanath Thatoi (Life Science), Dr Bikash Kumar Jena (Physical Science), Dr Ashok Kumar Sahu (Engg. and Technology) and Dr Narayan Prasad Padhy (Engg. and Technology) will be conferred for the year 2021. Similarly, for the year 2022, Prof. Ramesh Chandra Patra (Life Science), Dr. Bhagyadhara Bhoi (Engg. and Technology), and Prof. Debi Prasanna Kanungo (CSIR, Roorkee) will be awarded.
- Dr. Basudeba Kar, Dr. Swagatika Dash, and Dr. Bishnu Prasad Biswal will receive the Odisha Young Scientists Award for the year 2021 while Dr. Soumya Ranjan Jena, Dr. Uttam Kumar Panigrahi, Dr. Soumya Prakash Dash and Dr. Rekha Biswal will get this award for the year 2022.
- Pranakrushna Parija Popular Science Book Award goes to Arun Kumar Patra, Dr. Asit Kumar Swain for the year 2021, and Kartik Swain and Dr. Subhendu Patnaik for the year 2022.

Q. How much amount of money Odisha Govt. allocated to health infrastructure in the state recently in December 2023?

- (a) 1100 Cr
- (b) 1140 Cr ←
- (c) 1200 Cr
- (d) 1500 Cr



• Rs 12,000 crore has been spent for Health infrastructure development in the last 5 years. Under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY), at least 1 lakh patients are getting medical treatment every month. CM inaugurated 103 projects in health sector worth Rs 140 crore and laid foundation stone for 372 projects that would be implemented with a budget of Rs 1,000 crore.

### Thank You For Watching

#### \*\*PM-USHA:



- Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (21 Oct, 2023 to 31 March, 2026) (Outlay Rs 12926.10 Cr)
  - The centrally-sponsored scheme for improving higher education in the state. "The PM-USHA Scheme is an important step of central government towards implementation the vision of National Education Policy, 2020 to attain higher levels of access, equity, and excellence in the States/UTs higher education system by prioritising the unserved and undeserved areas, to be identified by States/UTs as Focus Districts on the basis of low GER, population of SC / ST, Left-wing affected areas etc. PM-USHA will aim at creating new institutions and also transforming existing institutions in the States and Uts.

#### \*\*Odisha registers 51% growth in Maize production Under Mukhyamantri Maka Mission(MMM):



- Aim:-to solve various problems of betel leaf, Kia flower and lemongrass farmers
- 44,730 quintal of maize had been collected by the Farmer-Producer Organisations (FPOs) by the end of November. It was decided in the meeting that more FPOs would be formed for collection of maize so that the farmers can get fair prices. More private traders would also be involved to ensure more value to the produce of the farmers.
- The government had set the target to form 15 FPOs by the end of this year and 13 have already been formed including 4 for women only. In the first year of the Mission, the target is to collect and market 20,000 ton of maize. At present, the Mission is being implemented in Nabarangpur, Koraput, Gajapati and Nuapada districts. The meeting decided to set up a Kia flower processing unit through APICOL and provide financial assistance of Rs 84,000 under Horticulture Mission Plus and Rs 16,000 under NHM to the farmers taking up lemon grass farming in Koraput. It was revealed that the Chief Minister has announced interest-free loan upto Rs 1 lakh for betel leaf farmers.

Q. Which edition of the biennial Odisha Vikash Conclave 2023 is

organized in Bhubaneswar?

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- (c) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- (d) 4<sup>th</sup> ←



#### \*\* 4th edition of the biennial Odisha Vikash Conclave:

- The Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) hosted OVC on the theme 'Transformative Odisha @2036: Demography and Development.'
- Thirty years after the International Conference on Population and Development, convened under the auspices of the United Nations
  in Cairo in 1994, OVC is credited as the first-ever deliberation on demography and development in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The demographic transition began in Odisha in 1992-93. The population growth rate of Odisha, which was below 10% during the last decade (2011-2021), has consistently declined compared to the national level. Previously, Odisha's population, representing 4% of India's total, has now reduced to 3.5%.
- Odisha's present fertility rate is 1.8. It is expected to further reduce to 1.2 in 2036. In three districts Rayagada, Nabarangpur and Kandhamal demographic transition will be higher that is expected to exceed two indicating a significant regional inequality in demographic transition by 2036.
- Government policies and schemes need to be aligned to tackle the challenges posed by demographic transition, with a greater emphasis on social security support.
- As the state's aging population is projected to reach 17% by 2036, the state has a unique opportunity to harness the potential
  arising from demographic transition, Jagadananda, Co-Founder and Mentor of CYSD pointed out. "This dividend can be tapped in
  two ways: first, the Gender Dividend, which involves utilizing the untapped potential of the aging female population; and second,
  the Silver Dividend, which entails leveraging the knowledge and expertise of older individuals," he added.
- To effectively utilize their knowledge and expertise, there should be policy-level changes to provide employment to older people
  aged over 60 years. Because, even after retirement, many of these individuals are still efficient in handling responsibilities
  effectively.

#### \*\* 4th edition of the biennial Odisha Vikash Conclave:

- Andrea Wojnar, Country Head of UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), underscored that UNFPA will continue to support CYSD in conducting intensive research on new themes related to demography and development.
- Held under the aegis of Odisha Development Initiative (ODI), a coalition of stakeholders advocating transformative development, the conclave also shed light on five critical areas of demographic transformation in Odisha. These areas include Aging Population, Migration and Urbanization, School Education, Youth Skilling and Employment, and Health and Nutrition.
- The track Migration and Urbanisation highlighted Odisha's Migration Census where outmigration from Odisha was
  higher than total in-migration between 2001 and 2011. However, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2020-21 data
  indicates a positive net migration rate of 0.74%, suggesting increased migration to Odisha.
- The track School Education highlighted that as per population projection there would be fewer children (6-14 years old) but more young people (20 and above), so we need to carefully plan while opening new schools and invest more in higher education.
- Similarly, in the Nutrition and Health track, attention was drawn to the technical group projection report of the Census of India (2020). According to this report, the child population of Odisha is estimated to decrease from 9% in 2011 to 6% in 2036. The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) of the state, reported as 34 in 2019-21, is anticipated to decrease to 20 by the end of the period 2031-35.

#### \*\*CM released two books that reflect the transformational journey of Odisha and India:

- The first one is 'The Magic Mantra of 5T- A Tale of Transforming Nabarangpur' by Dr Ajit Mishra. The book is a vivid description of the transformation the district of Nabarangpur is witnessing for last several years in different sectors that include healthcare, agriculture, gram panchayats, renovation of temples and tourist sites.
- Author Dr Ajit Mishra is currently working as the CEO of Western Odisha Development Council, and had experience as collector of Nabarangpur for four years since 2018.
- The Second book is 'President Droupadi Murmu-A Reflection of Changing Bharat' by Dr Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty. The book is a biographical sketch of President Droupadi Murmu that also delves into the socio-cultural fabric of Mayurbhanj and Odisha. Her elevation to the post of President reflects an image of India that is progressive and inclusive. Illustrated through pictures of the President's life and work in the past, the book makes an interesting storyline for the readers to go through all the pages.
- Author Dr Vijaya Laxmi Mohanty is a spiritual leader and teacher working under the aegis of 'The Art of Living'.

#### \*\*Soil Pollution:



- Contamination and pollution of soil is alarming in the districts of Jajpur, Bolangir, Kalahandi and Koraput.
- Report came on 'World Soil Day'. This is because without proper soil conservation all forms of life will cease to exist and there will be serious ecological imbalance.
- Many parts of these districts have been seriously affected by the presence of large quantities of aluminum, chromium and cadmium in the soil, as per a report prepared by the Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry belonging to the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar.
- The report states that unless steps are taken to prevent soil contamination, there will be serious consequences. The report states that there is high concentration of chromite in five agricultural areas that lie close to the mines at Sukinda in Jajpur district.
- There is approximately 5,758 to 12,687 milligrams of chromite present per kilogram of soil. This can seriously affect agriculture production in the days to come. Moreover, soil on 500 hectares of farmland has also been contaminated due to high concentration of nickel in the same areas. As per the report 0.7 to 0.98% of nickel is found in every kilogram of soil.

#### \*\*Soil Pollution: in Odisha

- This is quite dangerous and in the long term can effect agriculture production which in turn may cause famines. On the other hand, over 3,567 million tonne of iron ores lie deposited under 24,149 hectares of land in Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Sundargarh and Jajpur districts.
- This iron ore deposit is also causing soil contamination. Notably, Jajpur, Dhenkanal and Keonjhar districts have deposits of 183 million tonne of chromium under 9,197 hectares of land. As a result, cultivation is affected due to such high concentration of chromium on farmlands.
- The presence of 50 million tonne of manganese ore under 10,605 hectares of land in Bolangir, Keonjhar, Koraput, Mayurbhanj and Sundargarh districts is also another reason for soil contamination, the report points out. Sources said farmers have stopped using organic manure and have become heavily dependent on chemical fertilizers for more output turning the soil acidic.
- This has led to a decline in sulphur, potash and oxygen content in the soil. Moreover, discharge of industrial wastes and polluted water by various industrial units in the districts mentioned above are the other reasons behind soil contamination.



\*Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with beneficiaries of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra via video conferencing. He also launched Pradhan Mantri Mahila Kisan Drone Kendra(providing drones to women SHGs). During the program, the

Prime Minister dedicated the landmark 10,000th Jan Aushadi Kendra at AIIMS, Deoghar. Modi also launched the program to increase the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the country from 10,000 to 25,000.

\*Odisha-born from Sundergarh, surgeon Mukut Minz, who has performed over 3500 successful kidney transplant, was conferred with Lifetime Achievement award by PGIMER Chandigarh during its recent 3-day summit to commemorate five decades of achievements in organ transplantation. In 2014, he was awarded the Odisha Gourav Samman by the government of Odisha.



#### \*\*Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra:

The Govt of India, with participation of States and Union Territories, is actively engaged in the mission of saturation through its flagship schemes for providing basic amenities like sanitation facilities, essential financial services, access to LPG connections, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, quality education etc. and making required services accessible to all targeted and eligible beneficiaries. Another step in this direction would be to ensure awareness of benefits and various facilities available to citizens so as to facilitate the last mile delivery.

With this aim, a nationwide campaign to raise awareness through outreach activities to achieve saturation of schemes named "Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra", is being planned. This will require concerted efforts across the board as well as active Jan Bhagidari to ensure that the last mile and the most vulnerable are reached effectively.

#### **Objectives:**

- 1. Reaching the unreached reach out to the vulnerable who are eligible under various schemes but have not availed benefit so far.
- 2. Dissemination of information and generating awareness about schemes.
- 3. Learning from the citizens Interaction with beneficiaries of government schemes through personal stories / experience sharing.
- 4. Enrolment of potential beneficiaries through details ascertained during the Yatra.

#### **Duration::**

The Yatra launched on 15th November, 2023 on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, by flagging off IEC (Information, Education and Communication) Vans which will be initially visiting the districts having significant Scheduled Tribe population and the remaining districts from third week of November 2023 onwards up to 26 January 2024.

#### **Implementation**

In order to have synergy, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Tribal Affairs will be the nodal Ministries for rural and areas with significant Scheduled Tribe population. For urban areas, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will be the Nodal Ministries. Government of India proposes to appoint Nodal Officers at States/ Districts for effective coordination of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra with State and District administrations.

\*The process to upgrade Padampur sub-division in Bargarh into a separate district has begun, also for the construction of Collector's office has begun. In February this year, CM announced that Padampur sub-division would get a district status within the next one year. Having a population of 6.7 lakh, comprises six blocks, six tahasils, two NACs.



\*Science & Technology Minister Ashok Chandra Panda inaugurated the Odisha Pavilion at Global Bio-India 2023.10 innovative Biotech Startups from Odisha participated in Global Bio-India 2023, held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from December 4th to 6th.



\*Para-athelete Suchitra Parida from Puri, brought gold in Javeline throw in f-54 category at World Ability-Sport Games being held at Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. 15 para athletes from Odisha participated in this game and won one gold and a bronze medal.



Khelo India Para Games in New Delhi from December 10-17.

\*Odisha has registered a phenomenal growth rate of 100.77 % in state GST collection in November this year as compared to the same month

last year. The state recorded the highest-ever collection of OGST and IGST settlement with a collection of Rs 2791.45 crore in November this year against Rs 1390.36 crore during the corresponding period last year.



\*CM virtually launched the 5th edition of Eco-Retreat Odisha 2023-24, the much-awaiting event in Odisha, at Konark, Satkosia, Daringbadi, Hirakud, Putsil, Sonapur and Bhitarkanika. (2019)(7 places)



\*East Zone emerged champions in the Senior Women's Inter-Zonal T20 Trophy at Lucknow. Odisha players Madhuri Mehta and Sushree Dibyadarshini were part of the winning East Zone team. Odisha senior women's team physio Juri Datta was physio of the East Zone women too. The final, featuring East Zone and West Zone. Other teams like\_North-East, South and North Zone, Central.

\*\*Himadri Speciality Chemicals is planning to establish a Lithium Iron

Phosphate (LFP) plant, Cathode Active Material, a crucial component for electric vehicle (EV) batteries in Odisha with an investment of Rs 4,800 crore. Himadri will be the first Indian entity to enter this sector.



\*\*The expansion of 265-km Cuttack-Sambalpur National Highway-55 into four lanes will be completed by March 31, 2024. Dead line was 2023 December, but it delayed mainly due to delay in land acquisition, forest clearance and slow performance of contractor. The Rs 4,482-crore Sambalpur-Cuttack NH expansion work, which is being executed in three phases — Cuttack-Angul (phase-I), Cuttack-Angul (phase-II) and Angul-Sambalpur (phase-III), started in 2017.



### Thank You For Watching.



150 GW

- The solar energy potential of Odisha has been estimated to be 25.78 GWp, but Odisha has a potential of 1.5 lakh MW of solar energy.
- The Odisha Government has reported that the International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iForest) has
  presented a higher estimate of Odisha's solar potential at 169 GWp.
- But, as per the solar potential assessment report prepared by the National Institute of Solal Energy (NISE), the solar energy potential of Odisha has been estimated at 25.78 GWp.
- NISE has estimated the state-wise solar potential of the country on various factors. It has estimated that 3% of wasteland of a state
  of Wasteland Atlas 2010 can be used for solar power.
- The SPV module efficiency was considered as 15% and 50 MWp SPV plant can be installed in 1 sq km of wasteland. For estimating solar roof top system, the data of census 2011 was taken.

(Solar Photovoltaic Technology converts the sunlight into DC electricity through solar cells)





Konark Festival 2023

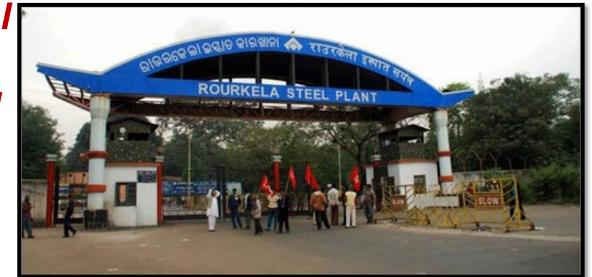
- Some legends (Guru Kelucharn Mohapatra, Pandit Bhubaneswar Mishra, Sujata Mohapatra, Pankaj Charan Das, Deba Prasad Das, Mayadhar Raut)
- Now Kumkum Mohanty, who performed Odissi on the eve of festival

\*On the occasion of Indian Navy Day, students of Government ITI, Chatrapur in Ganjam district have built a replica of indigenous warship INS Vikrant using scraps. The width of the replica is 10 feet and length is 70 feet.



\*Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) and Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), which is a mini ratna company have

signed MoU for distribution of artificial limbs, aids and assistive devices amongst persons with disabilities and senior citizens in various areas of the steel plant's impact zones.



#### \*\*FIH Men's Junior World Cup:2023



- India lost 1-4 to Germany in Semi final, then, for bronze battle, India lost in 1-3 from Spain.
- Venue : National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Date: 5 to 16 December 2023
- Odisha Player : Sudeep Chirmako, Amandeep Lakra
- Top Goal Scoring Player :Labouchere Hugo (9) (Belgium)
- Top Goal Scoring Team : Spain (27)

Country	Position
Germany	1
France	2
Spain	3
- India	4
Netherlands	5

Q. How many black tigers (melanistic tigers) does the Indian government report are exclusively found in Odisha's Similipal tiger reserve?

- (a) 5
- (b) 8
- (c) 10 ←
- (d) 12

^The Indian government informed the Rajya Sabha, there are a total of 10 "black tigers" or "melanistic tigers" in India, all exclusively found in Odisha's Similipal Tiger Reserve. As per the 2022 cycle of the pan-India tiger estimation exercise, the Similipal Tiger Reserve has 16 tigers, out of which 10 exhibit melanism.

### Thank You For Watching

Q. Who is known as the 'Queen of Millet' and was invited to the G20 Summit in commemoration of the 'International Year of Millets'?

- (a) Kundra Bati Mandia
- (b) Jasra
- (c) Raimati Ghiuria ——
- (d) Juana



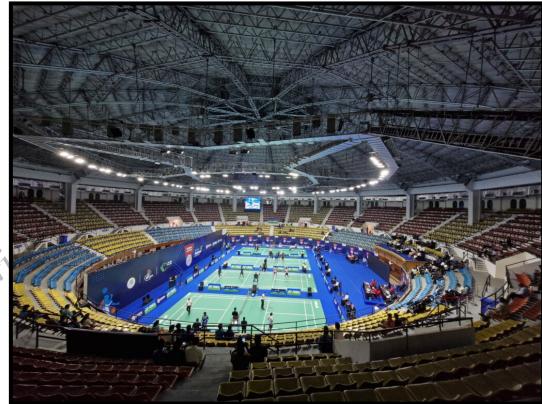


- The millet brand ambassadors from Odisha Raimati Ghiuria, a tribal farmer from Odisha's Koraput district, earned the title 'Queen of Millet' and was invited to the G20 Summit in recognition of her efforts in preserving 30 varieties of millets and training women in their cultivation. She showcased kundra bati madia (finger millets) and the tribal method of cultivating it.
- Subasa Mohanta of Mayurbhanj district.

#### \*\* Odisha Masters 2023 :

- Venue :Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack
- Date: 12 to 17 Dec, 2023
- Participants : Over 30 countries
- five categories Men's Single, Women's Single, Men's Mixed Double, Women's Mixed Double, and Mixed Double.
- Men's Singles -Satish Kumar Karunakaran
- Men's Double Lin Bing-Wei and Su Ching Heng of Chinese Taipei
- Mixed Doubles Tanisha Crasto and Dhruv Kapila







#### \*\*first-ever Khelo India Para Games:





- Out of 7 sports, Odisha participated in 3 sports with 15 player.
- The Para Athletics team (Jayanti Behera(3), Arjun Bhatra(1), Lalprasad Soren, Mangat Hembram(1), Niklas Pradhan, Bhue(1), Prafulla Kumar Khandayatray and Suchitra Parida(1))
- The Para Powerlifters (Gadadhar Sahu (1) and Chadan Kumar Behera)
- The Para Badminton (Pramod Bhagat, Deep Ranjan Bisoyee(1), Nurul Hossain Khan, Gedala Dillaswar Rao & Subhrajeeet Maharana)

Odisha



- Promising tennis player Debasis Sahoo (17 year) was presented the 31st Ekalabya Puraskar with 5 lakh for his performances from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023 at the national and international levels.
- Athlete Bapi Hansda and weightlifter Jyoshna Sabar were also honoured with a citation and Rs 1 lakh cash awards each.
- S Madanlal, a member of the 1983 World Cup-winning team, was the chief guest.
- Baijayant Panda, chairman of Ekalabya Puraskar Committee 2023 and trustee, was present along with the jury members.
- Ekalabya Puraskar, instituted in 1993, is given every year to encourage young talents of Odisha.



- Odisha para shuttler Deep Ranjan Bisoyee achieved double-medal at the World Abilitysport Games 2023 in Thailand's Nakhon Ratchasima.
- The 38-year-old Bisoyee won the gold in men's doubles and bronze in singles.
- Another Odia Subhrajeet Maharana secured bronze medal in men's doubles.





- Writer Mahasweta Sahu has been selected for the 16th 'Timepass Booker Puraskar' for her short story manuscript "Octopusra Atma" this year.
- This year's nominees for the "Timepass Bestseller Puraskar," which is awarded to the book chosen by readers as their favorite, are Kshirod Parida's "Nobel Bijayi Kathakarnka Atmakathan" in the feature category, Biyot Projna Tripathy's "Srestha Galpa" in short-story, Krushna Kumar Mohanty's "Ruby Roy" in poetry, and Debabrat Das's "Tha" in fiction.
- Saral Kumar Das will be conferred "Timepass Bahibandhu Samman" as he works selflessly to promote Odia literature and books.
- Timepass has arranged the fourth edition of the 'Utsahitya' event on December 24 to felicitate the awardees.

\*\*COP 28: (Nov 30\_Dec 12)
Theme: Unite.Act.Deliver



Four youths from Odisha participated in the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28) held at Dubai in the UAE. They also interacted with Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Singh Baghela, director of National Water Mission Archana Verma, 'Water Man' of India Rajendra Singh and Miss Nepal 2023 Srachachaha.

- The Dubai-based father and daughter, who hail from Odisha's Sambalpur, wanted to draw the world's attention to this imminent and serious threat. both certified advanced scuba divers, went to the Maldives and went around 70 feet deep on December 2 (UAE's National Day) in the coral reefs near Sun Siyam Olhuveli resort in South Male Atoll.
- Target :Achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 & limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius





National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued notices to 24 states and four Union Territories, including Odisha, in a matter regarding
the presence of arsenic and fluoride in groundwater. The green panel observed that the presence of these metals or chemicals is
"very serious" and requires "urgent preventive and protective steps,".

A bench of Judicial Member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Expert Member A Senthil Vel said the Central Ground Water Authority had submitted a report in which it admitted the presence of arsenic and fluoride in the districts and the states

Jammu and Kashmir, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Delhi and Puducherry.

## \*\*Junior Artistic Gymnastics National Championships 2023-24:



- Date: 28 to 30 Dec
- Venue : newly-build Gymnastics Centre in Kalinga Stadium of Bhubaneswar
- Nishika Agarwal from Telangana in the women's category clinched five medals
- West Bengal's Sohom Majumdar clinched gold
- Odisha's Biru Chandra Rao and Alok Kumar 2 bronze
- Pommel Horse, Floor Exercise, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar, Balance Beams, Uneven Bar,
- The Senior Artistic Gymnastics National Championship is scheduled to be held from 2-4 January 2024 at the Gymnastics High Performance Centre in Kalinga Stadium.

## \*\*'Nua O' Programme:





- For the engagement and empowerment of youth in Odisha, the Govt has recently announced the Nua O initiative. A series of sports competitions and cultural activities, the initiative has been launched across the state. The sports competitions are featured 6 disciplines, including kho-kho, cricket, hockey, football, kabaddi and volleyball with registration targeting the ages of 13-35.
- The Sports and Youth Services Department will extend the dateline for sports and cultural activities upto January 15, 2024. There will be no deadline for social work activities. Earlier instruction was to complete three core activities of sports, cultural and social work by December 31.

## \*\*National Handloom Summit:



- Bargarh in western Odisha is set to host the National Handloom Summit on January 4 and 5, 2024.
- 4E model : Engage Educate Enable Empower
- The event will felicitate handloom awardees from Odisha and celebrate our handloom heritage while hosting over 50 exhibitors from 20 states across the country.
- The summit will offer a platform to the weavers for marketing the products. It will enable interactions leading to signing of MoUs to drive the growth of the handloom industry.

\*Distinguished educationist and former professor at Utkal University, Dr Sudhakar Panda has been unanimously elected the president of the Indian Economics Association (IEA).



\*The Odisha government has decided to organise a 3 day world Odia conference 'Biswa Odia Bhasha Sammilani' (World Odia Language Conference) in February 2024 to further strengthen, spread and popularise the language both within and outside the state.

Odia Language, Literature and Culture Department Minister Ashiwini Patra.

\*Odisha Govt appointed IAS officer Dr. N Thirumala Naik as the Additional Chief Electoral Officer of the state. The 2009 batch officer had been serving as Labour Commissioner, Odisha with additional charge of State Mission Director, Odisha Livelihoods Mission.



\*Cardiologist from Odisha Dr P C Rath recently took over as the president of Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for the year 2023-2024, at its annual conference in Kolkata.

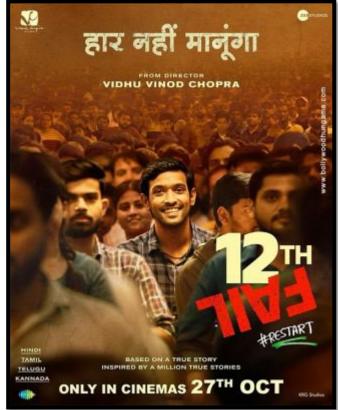


\*Social activist and founder of Integrated Rural Development of Weaker Sections in India (WIDA) in Odisha's Koraput, William Stanley, passed away in Vellor, Tamil Nadu.



\*The film 12<sup>th</sup> fail, directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra, is based on a real-life inspirational story of Manoj Sharma, a boy from Chambal and how the 2005-batch Maharashtra cadre IPS officer becomes an honest cop. "In order to promote such a movie for greater interest, Government is pleased to provide tax benefit to the above Hindi film to encourage the public to watch it in cinema theatres/multiplexes in the state,"

The film stars Vikrant Massey in the lead role.



\*Former chief secretary of Odisha

Sudhanshu Mohan Patnaik passed away. He served as the chief secretary from March 8, 2000, to October 31, 2000. He was the first member of the State Human Rights

Commission



\*Former Odisha governor M M Rajendran passed away. He took over as Governor of Odisha in 1999 soon after the state was hit by a super cyclone of unprecedented severity.



\*New Odisha State in-charge of Congress Dr Ajoy Kumar is likely to visit the state on January 6 to discuss strategy for 2024 elections with party leaders. A Chellakumar(President of OPCC Sarat Pattanayak)



\*An MoU was inked between Odisha and Tata Steel to establish

HPCs in two Olympic sports — Archery and Sport Climbing. The Odisha Tata Archery Academy and Odisha Tata Steel Adventure Foundation Sport Climbing Academy will be set up in Bhubaneswar.



\*Odisha Cricket Association's member Satbir Singh Riar has been appointed as the manager of the Indian Cricket Team for Test series with South Africa.



\*Odisha's Puri tops the list of most-booked spiritual and pilgrimage

destination, followed by Amritsar, Varanasi, and Haridwar, according to hospitality tech platform OYO's Travelopedia 2023. Similarly, Hyderabad was the most booked city in India followed by Bengaluru, Delhi, and Kolkata. UP was the most visited state in the year, followed by Maharashtra, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh.



\*Odisha CM inaugurated a sports science centre at the Kalinga Stadium. The centre, established in partnership with Olympian Abhinav Bindra, is designed to cater to athletes across various disciplines, and is poised to become a hub for so injury management, rehabilitation, recovery, and performance enhancement. It is the largest such facility in the country and has specialised laboratories to ensure that athletes receive care and support tailored to their needs. (Dec 11)



\*The Odisha government announced that the State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) will be extended by five more years till December 31, 2028. (5 kg). The state govt will spend Rs 1,250 crore from its own resources in five years at the rate of Rs 250 crore per year.

\*Odisha government appointed B Radhika, who is the first Odisha-cadre female IPS officer, recently returned from central deputation, as chairman of Police Recruitment Board.



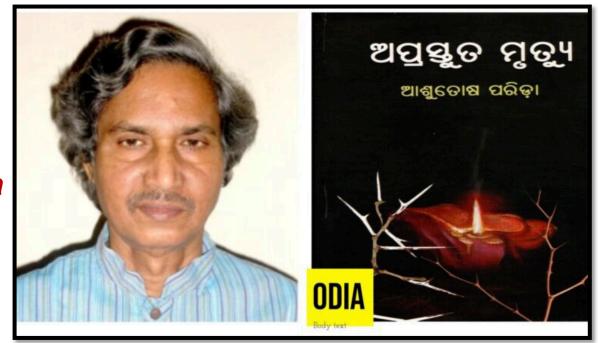
\*A Digital Skilling Centre was inaugurated at Ramanagar in Mahakalapada block of Odisha's Kendrapara district. The centre is a corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative of ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India).



\*Sports & Youth Services department in association with 'Aspire for Her' unveiled an initiative 'Her Sport Ki Champion' dedicated to empowering and supporting women in sports after their athletic careers. The challenges faced by female athletes in their professional journey, this initiative focuses on the 3E track: Education, Employment, and Entrepreneurship.



\*Eminent poet Ashutos Parida of Odisha has been selected for prestigious Sahitya Akademi Awards for 2023. He has been selected for the award for his Odia poetry collection 'Aprastuta Mrutyu'(1 lakh). Parida had been awarded with Odisha Sahitya Akademi Award for his poetry collection 'Ipsita Krodha' in 1990.



\*The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the appointment of Dr Justice B R Sarangi of Orissa High Court as the Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court. It is proposed to appoint Mr Justice Chakradhari Sharan Singh(Patna)as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Orissa



\*The Malda Town (WB)-Bengaluru Amrit Bharat Express was given a grand welcome at Jaleswar, Balasore, Soro, Bhadrak, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Khurda Road and Brahmapur.





\*CM approved a proposal to build 7 multi-purpose cyclone shelters in seven gram panchayats under four blocks of Puri cyclone-prone district at a cost of Rs 14Cr.

\*Odisha govt has decided to make 102 additional irrigation projects operational in one year at a cost of Rs 207 crore in Shergad and Hinjilikatu blocks of Ganjam district.



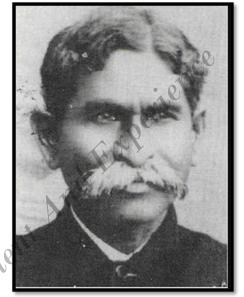
\*CM inaugurated 59 projects under Parvati Giri mega lift irrigation in 13 dists. This Project was started in 2011. 208 projects have been completed providing irrigation to 2,64,330 ha. Similarly, 170 projects have been taken up in the second phase for irrigating 1,13,540 hectare. About 80,000 ha of dry land will be irrigated through these facilities that have been constructed under this project at a cost of Rs 2,500 cr. The CM also laid foundation stone for 33 mega lift irrigation projects on the occasion.

## 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

Q. In which district of Odisha, The Gangadhar Meher Lift Irrigation

Project is located?

- (a) Balangir
- (b) Bargarh ←
- (c) Sonepur
- (d) Sambalpur





\*Sanctioned Rs 2 crore for transformation of poet Gangadhar Meher's birthplace at Barpali in Bargarh district.

\*Odisha government extended the tenure of chief secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena for a period of six months till June 30, 2024.

\*Dr. Manorama Mohanty was appointed the new Director of the Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar, replacing HR Biswas.



\*Odia IPS officer Utkal Ranjan Sahoo has been made the Director General of Police (DGP) in Rajasthan



\*20 startups have received investment commitment from prospective investors at the Odisha Startup Carnival 2023(14-day event). More than 70 startups and 15 investors were added to the Odisha Startup Carnival, which began in Bhubaneswar on December 10.



## 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

Q. Which port recently achieved a record-breaking cargo handling of 100 Million Metric Tonnes in just 262 days?

- (a) Paradip Port**←**
- (b) Mumbai Port
- (c) Chennai Port
- (d) Kolkata Port

^Paradip Port set a new record with 100 Million Metric Tonnes of cargo handled in 262 days, showcasing operational excellence and leading in berth productivity among nationwide ports.

## Thank You For Watching

## 2023 Current Affairs MCQ Quick Revision + PDF

# Q. Which two district will get benefit from Lower Suktel Major Irrigation Project?

- (a) Balangir & Subarnapur -
- (b) Balangir & Bargarh
- (c) Subarnapur & Bargarh
- (d) Sambalpur & Nuapara

- Suktal River
- major projects including Upper Indravati(Kalahandi), Lower Indravati, Deo and Subarnarekha have benefited the farmers.

# Extra Information

Experiment

## The top searched news events of 2023 that India Googled

- 1) Chandrayaan-3
- 2) Karnataka Election Results
- 3) Israel News
- 4) Satish Kaushik
- 5) Budget 2023
- 6) Turkey Earthquake
- 7) Atiq Ahmed
- 8) Matthew Perry
- 9) Manipur News
- 10) Odisha Train Accident



#### What Is list

- 1) What is G20
- 2) What is UCC
- 3) What is ChatGPT
- 4) What is Hamas
- 5) What is on 28 September 2023
- 6) What is Chandrayaan 3
- 7) What is threads on Instagram
- 8) What is timed out in cricket
- 9) What is an impact player in IPL
- 10) What is Sengol

### The top trending sports events in 2023

- 1) Indian Premier League
- 2) Cricket World Cup
- 3) Asia Cup
- 4) Women's Premier League
- 5) Asian Games
- 6) Indian Super League
- 7) Pakistan Super League
- 8) The Ashes
- 9) Women's Cricket World Cup
- 10) SA20

#### Top trending people Top trending movies in India 2023

- 1) Kiara Advani
- 1) Jawan
- 2) Shubman Gill
- 2) Gadar 2
- 3) Rachin Ravindra 3) Oppenheimer
- 4) Mohammed Shami 4) Adipurush
- 5) Elvish Yadav
- 5) Pathaan

7) Jailer

- 6) Sidharth Malhotra 6) The Kerala Story
- 7) Glenn Maxwell
- 8) David Beckham 8) Leo
- 9) Suryakumar Yadav 9) Tiger 3
- 10) Travis Head 10) Varisu

## The most trending shows of 2023

- 1) Farzi
- 2) Wednesday
- 3) Asur
- 4) Rana Naidu
- 5) The Last Of Us
- 6) Scam 2003
- 7) Bigg Boss 17
- 8) Guns and Gulaabs
- 9) Sex/Life
- 10) Taaza Khabar

#### The trending matches

- 1) India vs Australia
- 2) India vs New Zealand
- 3) India vs Sri Lanka
- 4) India vs England
- 5) India vs Ireland
- 6) England vs Australia
- 7) India vs Afghanistan
- 8) India vs Bangladesh
- 9) Gujarat Titans vs Chennai Super Kings
- 10) Pakistan vs New Zealand

\* 'Nebula Nomads', one of the 10 Kho Kho teams, that participated in the first ever annual sports meet conducted by the SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM), emerged champions. Odisha government was trying to provide a push to different sports and promoting Kho Kho in a big way.



\*Nandankanan Zoological Park (NZP) is set to receive 2 cheetahs, six lions, chimpanzees, lemurs, and other animals and birds from Dubai through an animal exchange programme. One pair of wallabies and one pair of livingstone turacos have been brought to the Nandankanan.



\*The East Coast Railway (ECoR) was conferred with two prestigious Efficiency Shields in the field of commercial and security segment. "Ati Vishist Rail Seva Puraskar" to khurda road railway dividion.



\*Mumbai-based Odia businessman, Harihara Mahapatra and his wife Preeti will together acquire 19 per cent stake in the low-cost airline SpiceJet with an investment of Rs 1,100 crore, making them the biggest investors in the new fundraising by the airline



\*3 battalions of the BSF comprising more than 3,000 personnel will move across the border from Odisha to Chhattisgarh and an equal number of ITBP units will further move into the Naxal stronghold of Abujhmad as part of a strategy to intensify anti-Maoist operations. Amit Shah revealed on December 1 in Hazaribag, Jharkhand while addressing BSF troops on their 59th raising day.



\*Jeevan Bindu Programme this year collected 1 Lakh units of Blood. The Jeevan Bindu programme had been launched on Aug 9, 2020. The prime objective of this programme is to arrange blood for the blood banks in Odisha to save the lives of the needy people